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Skegness: the bracing certainty

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No place to hide, pension firms warned

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday BY ANDREW VERITY AND launched a fresb initiative to ANDREW BUNCOMBE deal with the multi-billion pound pensions mis-selling scandal, as it appeared that detectives are poised to broaden investigations into possible criminal offences.

Officers from the Metropolitan Police Company Fraud Squad are already investigating three major life insurance companies and The Independent understands they are now set to make inquiries into two more well known firms.

At the same time, the Treasury's new economic secretary Patricia Hewitt, said there would be "no hiding place" for those involved and stressed that individuals up to director level would be beld responsible as well as the firms themselves. She said: "This is a responsibility that goes all the way up to the boardroom,"

Two million people may be affected by pension mis-selling - the practice of wrongly advising people to take out personal pensions plans when not in their best interest. Between £16bn-£22bn in compensation may be at stake.

Yesterday Ms Hewitt criticised pension advisers for failing to deal with priority cases.

Tremendous progress has been made, and a few firms now appear to have met their targets for resolving priority cases." she said.

"But work remains to be done in honouring offers of redress and in meeting the challenges of the second phase of the pensions review. I intend to maintain pressure on all firms and will continue to publish monthly statistics."

Speaking on a visit to the Financial Services Authority in the City of London, she added: "I am deeply concerned at the gap that exists between the best and the rest. A few - particularly some firms of IFAs – have scarcely started.

"Firms big and small will not

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be allowed to bury their heads

The Independent reported yesterday that Scotland Yard's company fraud squad was investigating three major insurance companies - Legal and General, Guardian Royal Exchange and Sun Life of Canada - for allegedly breaching the Financial Services Act of 1986. Under section 47 of the Act, anyone who recklessly or dishonestly makes a misleading statement to help the sale of a

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product is guilty of an offence. Directors could be held responsible for the behaviour of sales staff and the maximum penalty is seven years in prison.

The investigation, launched around 18 months ago, was initiated after police received complaints from three people who claimed they had potentially lost millions of pounds after being mis-sold pensions.

One of the three complainants, who are also launching their own civil actions to recover millions of pounds in compensation, said yesterday it was hard to describe what he and the others had been

Mike Moyse, 51, from had watched everything he mis-selling."

over years, destroyed almost overnight.

"It was devastating. I don't mind telling you that I wept. I wept several times," he said yesterday. "I can't lose anymore. Now I have to be positive and try and put those sorts of emotions to the back of my mind. I know of at least another 100 cases individually and I understand that there are up to 1,500 other people wbo face losing everything they have as a result of what has been going

Two of the three insurance companies being investigated by the police bave denied knowledge of the inquiry. The third, Sun Life of Canada, said one of its representatives had been questioned by police but not about mis-selling.

The Independent understands the police inquiry, headed by a detective inspector, is about to be broadened and that two other companies - both household names - will be investigated. Yesterday both companies said they were not aware of any inves-

A police spokeswoman said yesterday: "The inquiry was launched 18 months ago but I will not speculate as to how long it will take to complete. When the investigation is complete a file will be presented to the **Crown Prosecution Service for** a decision about whether a prosecution will go ahead."

Personal pensions are a buge business. The Association of British Insurers said yesterday that in 1997 a total of £6.7bn was spent on new personal pension policies - an increase of 23 per cent on the previous year.

Spokesman Malcolm Tarling said: "There has been a problem but we think the problems are now in the past. We are satisfied that measures Taunton, Somerset, said he have been taken to deal with

Torment of Kosovo as Nato dithers



THE WESTERN allies were in By KATHERINE BUTLER disarray over Kosovo last night as Serbian troops ad- reported to be hiding out in vanced on the Kosovo Liberation Army and thousands more ethnic Albanians were forced to flee their bomes to escape the violence and

The Serbs kept up their violent onslaught on towns and villages in central Kosovo, ignoring pleas from the European Union and the US for a ceasefire, and warnings from aid agencies of an impending humanitarian disaster. Thonsands of civilian refugees were done will there be approval.

woods near Malisevo, a former stronghold of the KLA. But sharp political divisions

over a military response were also exposed as Nato officials in Brussels contradicted a claim from US state department spokesman James Rubin that contingency plans for armed intervention had been approved. "There has been no approval. There is a plan but it is still being refined and only when that has been

Even then force remains only an option," officials at Nato headquarters in Brussels said.

At the end of May Nato foreign ministers ordered military chiefs to start planning for armed intervention in Kosovo but while the logistical preparations for all the possible options, including air strikes and deployment of ground troops. are advanced, diplomats concede that it has proved impossible to nail down political agreement.

"There is no agreement within the political community either about what is really going on in Kosovo. or what to ," said one senior source. Pressure from European

members of the transatlantic alliance for force to be put on hold as an option has grown since May. Some governments - particularly Germany believe even limited armed intervention could be disastrously counterproductive. But the Americans are in

favour, and believe it could be done without authorisation from the UN security council, where a Russian veto is ex-

pected. The KLA's guerrilla cam-

The world's oldest

paign against the Serbs has also complicated the picture on the ground. "We have got to be realistic." said one diplomatic source. "It is not as easy as saying let's go in there and sort out these cowboys and we'll shoot the guys in the black hats. Who do you shoot, what do you bomb and will any of this help?

"There are no clear borderlines, and what do you do to avoid civilian casualties? None of these questions have been resolved.

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Murdoch ready to cash in on football superleague

RUPERT MURDOCH is plan- By STEVE BOGGAN AND ning to exploit the multi-billion pound bid to lure England's top clubs into a European football superleague.

He has joined forces with Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister and media mogul, a Saudi Arabian prince and a German television magnate to set up a pan-European digital television network which could carry the games on payper-view television.

Fininvest, the holding company for Mr Berlusconi's media interests, has confirmed that its subsidiary. Mediaset, is in talks with Mr Murdoch's News Corp PAUL MCCANN

and the German Kirch Group aimed at setting up a new Europe-wide television company.

round plans for a superleague given the codename Operation Gandalf by those involved. But it appears that assurances given by Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool over the future of their European football may be overtaken by

Mr Berlusconi's new ties with News Corp provide a firm link between Mr Murdoch and

the football deal. The company masterminding the proposed breakaway, Media Partners International, is run by Rodolpho Hecht, a former

chairman of Fininvest The first plank in a Europe-Secrecy continued to surwide media alliance was laid yesterday when Mr Berlusconi sold a one-third stake in a German sports channel to the German media entrepreneur Leo

The \$102m (£62m) sale is the first stage in a complex series expected to lead to the creation of an alliance between Mr Kirch, Mr Berlusconi, Mr Mur- channels that could be used to

lionaire, Prince Al Waleed Bin

Prince Al Waleed is the owner of a number of television interests, including a family entertainment channel with the singer Michael Jackson. He is also a major shareholder in Euro Disney and owner of the Four Seasons hotel chain.

The next stage of the deal is likely to be the sale of 20 per cent of the Kirch media empire to Mr Murdoch, Mr Berlusconi and of manoeuvrings, which is Prince Al Waleed for \$2bn (£1.2bn). That will include Premiere and DF-1, pay-per-view

broadcast superleague football "If Canal Plus (a European cable channel get on board, then you have the means by which to launch a pan-Euro-

pean operation," said one City

media analyst yesterday. "A breaksway superleague would provide the kind of platform it would need to attract viewers in huge numbers."

Mark Booth, the chief executive at BSkyB, last week told City analysts that the company was not involved in any "imminent" deals in Europe, but was "opportunistic and always ested in future expansion

building discovered ARCHAEOLOGISTS have iden-BY DAVID KEYS tified the oldest tomb in West-Archaeology Correspondent

ern Europe, pushing back the history of architecture by almost 1,000 years.

The discovery, revealed yesterday by Swedish archaeologists at Carrowmore, Co Sligo m Ireland, is being met with a mixture of excitement, astonishment and scepticism by prehistorians.

Carbon dating tests carried out on samples from the site suggest that Stone Age huntergatherers were building small roofed stone tombs surrounded by stone circles 7,400 years ago. This is at least 700 years earlier than what had previ-Trail of secrets, page 6 ously been thought the earliest

free-standing stone architecture in Western Europe - a Neolithic tomb at Bougon near Poitiers in France.

The oldest generally accepted Western European stone architecture was thought to have been only around 6,300 years old.

The excavation and other archaeological work at Carrowmore, directed by Doctor Goran Burenhult of the University of Stockholm, is exciting scientists not just because of its age but also the economic and cultural environment in which it was apparently built. The

tomb and stone circles would have to have been built by early Irish populations hundreds of years before agriculture reached either mainland Britain or Ireland.

Archaeologists refer to this pre-agricultural (pre Neolithic) era as the Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) and no free-standing stone architecture from that period has ever been discovered in Western Europe.

The newly dated Irish tomb is small, but was probably the model for hundreds of later stone tombs that litter the Irish and British countryside, including Stonehenge. It contained 30 kilos of burnt bones from up to 50 individuals.



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Rangers have signed Colin Hendry, from Blackburn for a fee close to £4m





Very dry, very hot and very PIMMS all day.



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BBC defends 'Watchdog' claims The BBC hit back at companies who use huge resources, PR firms and expensive lawyers to attack its

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New comfort index as sun shines It may seem premature to start worrying about hot weather hut a new index launched by forecasters will now tell Britons how hot and sticky they are. Page 9

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Today's soccer stars in top 100 Six current Premiership players have been included in the Football League's top 100 players of the century.

Irish criticise Euro rugby league The Irish Rugby Football Union has criticised its Eng-

lish counterpart for moves to create a European com-petition hiased in favour of English clubs. Page 25

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'I've no doubt that before I die I should live to see a federal government in Britain."

Godfrey Hodgson

It is one thing to be tolerant of sexual vagaries, quite another to be happy about what Bill Clinton is doing to

Paddy Ashdown

The renewed bloodletting in Kosovo, and the West's lack of coherent or effective reaction to it, are both depress-

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Bishops urge gays to repent

ference were locked in hitter disagreement over homosexuality on the eve of today's final debate of the subject, which threatens to split the world-wide Anglican Church.

The gulf between African bishops and conservative evanelicals on the one hand, and the liberal wing of the Anglican Church particularly in the United Kingdom, North America, Australia and New Zealand on the other meant that attempts to reach any consensus proved virtually impossible.

The liberal bishops had come to the 10-yearly conference with the hope of persuading the church to accept same-sex relationships and the ordination of practising homosexuals, both of which occur unofficially.

The opposing camp refuses to countenance the idea, with some African bishops claiming that homosexuality does oot even exist on their continent.

In the end, the clause rejecting "the legitimising or blessing or ordaining of those involved in same-gender unions" was dropped from the main resolution

But in ditching the clause, the steering committee headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, could not stave off conflict. For today oo less than five resolutions condemning homosexuality will be debated at the plenary session. The alliance of hishops from developing countries and evangelicals will push for

One of their resolutions from the Central and East Africa region, urges "healing and correction" for "all those who suffer or err through homosexual or other kinds of sexual brokenness". Bishops who

have knowingly ordained practising homosexuals must "repent", they say.

Another resolution, from the West Africa region, maintains that "homosexuality is a sin, which could only be adopted by the church if it wanted to commit evangelical suicide".

Until now, the Anglican Church has gone to great pains to deny that the issue of sexuality poses any real threat to the unity of its 38 provinces.

However, yesterday, the Rt Rev Paul Barnett, the Bishop of North Sydney, Australia, hroke ranks and admitted: "This issue could contribute very significantly to the unravelling of the Anglican Communion at this

One of the disputes yesterday centred around the word "chastity". The statement "chastity is right for those who are not called to marriage" was one of the phrases which went by the board at the very last mmute.

Earlier in the day, the Rt Rev David Crawley, the Bishop of Kootenay, Canada, had explained why the word "chastity" was better than "celibacy"

Some people thought the word "celibacy" was a monkish word, "Chastity" was more broad-hased," he said. He admitted that the word "chastity" was open to interpretation. The Rev Chris Wardale, 52,

a parish priest in Darlington who is one of two "out" practising gay priests in the UK, said yesterday that he would describe his relationship with his partner of 15 years as "chaste". "If we in our consciences and

before God feel ourselves to be part of that loving, faithful relationship, that is what we are."



Fitness teacher dies after taking ecstasy

hospital yesterday, days after she was believed to have taken the dance drug ecstasy. Eighteen-year-old Julia

Dawes died in Perth Royal Infirmary, where she had been in intensive care since Sunday after collapsing at her home on the outskirts of the town.

She-had spent Saturday

A FITNESS instructor died in By ANDREW DENHOLM

night celebrating a friend's 24th hirthday and is believed to have taken two ecstasy tablets in a Perth nightclub. A statement from Perth and

Kinross Healthcare NHS Trust yesterday said that Ms Dawes's death had left her parents, Alan-and Jacqueline, and her

brother, Jonathan, "deeply grieved"

They wish time to be alone as a family to come to terms with the loss of Julia," said the It added that Mr Dawes and

his family wanted to thank hospital staff for the care they gave his daughter in her final

"Mr Dawes would like to say that, from the bottom of their hearts, they have experienced a hreadth and depth of human compassion from doctors, nurses and ambulance services, more than they could have wished for, and an experience of loving care that will endure in their memories for

Garvaghy minority want 'peace wall'

Loyalists demand halt to attacks

Mo Mowlam said she knew mation and passing it to the

PROTESTANTS ON the mainly By Louise Jury Catholic Garvaghy Road in Portadown, Northern Ireland, have asked for a "peace wall" to keep them and the Catholic residents apart, it emerged yesterday.

Sectarian tensions in the area are at an all-time high following the decision by the Parades Commission to ban this year's march by the Orange Order, a decision which led to the violent Drumcree stand-off.

Protestants living in a small enclave off the mainly nationalist road have now decided they want more protection. LOYALISTS YESTERDAY de- BY LOUISE JURY They have demanded a separating wall like those which divide Belfast and Londonderry.

Pastor Kenny McClinton, a Protestant community leader, said: "People need to feel safe in their homes. Everybody knows the negative aspects of a peace line, but unfortunately it is a oecessity for the area."

But the idea has enraged Catholics who are the minority in the predominantly Protestant town, if not on the Garvaghy Road.

Breandan MacCionnaith, of the Garvaghy Road Residents

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Association, said it was ridiculous that Protestants felt they needed protecting in a Northern Ireland town that was only anything the name might sug-20 per cent Catholic. "If they want to huild peace

them where to build them. forward if people could negoti-

manded government action to

root out dissident republican

terror groups amid fears of

the Ulster Democratic Party.

told Mo Mowlam, the Northern

Ireland Secretary, of the loyal-

ist community's increasing

Royal Ulster Constabulary

station in Lurgan, Co Armagh,

early yesterday and bombings

The "Real" IRA yesterday

Their meeting at Stormont

Gary McMichael, leader of

escalating attacks.

concerns.

at the weekend

ties here under nightly attacks walls leading to further isolation variety of sources including by loyalist mobs." Many fear peace lines, which are reinforced walls rather than

gest, create deeper divisions. Brid Rodgers, of the SDLP, lines in Portadown, I can show said: "It really would be a step

homb which devastated the

centre of Banbridge, Co Down,

Mr McMichael said: "There

needs to be a quick and strong

security response to root these

people out of society before

they become a more potent

it will become more unman-

ageable and more uncontrol-

"If it is not nipped in the bud,

and fire bombs in two Belfast

shops and a pub.

claimed responsibility for a car that dissident groups were authorities.

followed a gun attack on a threat than they already are.

There are Catholic communi- ate instead of building more currently taking advice from a town, which has now seen four between the two communities."

spokesman said they had received a number of requests, including those from elected representatives in the area,

trying to wreck the peace process and must not be given

"I don't think it is any mis-

take that much of the acts we

have seen by the destructive

splinter groups in the past couple of weeks have been in

First Minister David Trimble's

constituency," sbe said. Mr Trimble became leader of

the Northern Ireland assembly

Although the security forces

were doing "all they can," Ms

Mowlam said the community

could help by gathering infor-

after the recent elections.

room to operate.

the Royal Ulster Constabulary A Northern Ireland Office and will be carefully considering this advice. No decision has yet been taken."

for a peace wall in the lower end lems between the loyalist and of the Garvaghy Road. "We are republican communities in the

The requests are a clear indication of continuing prob-

Prior to this year's marching season, the Orange Order carried out talks in private, including a conditional offer to meet the residents' associatioo. Not all the Orangemen agreed with this tac-

the Boyne.

tic and remained suspicious of the Catholic leaders. Mr MacCionnaith, the residents' representative, was part of a group which tried to blow up the British Legion hall in

years of heightened violence at

the anniversary of the Battle of

Portadown in 1981. In May the following year, he was jailed for five years following the crime. The first peace wall was erected in Belfast in 1969 as the Troubles raised tensions between the two communities. They were huilt mainly in north and west Belfast - with some in the east - and stretch as far as Whiteabbey on the city's outskirts. The main peace line

between the Falls and the

Shankili Road in west Belfast

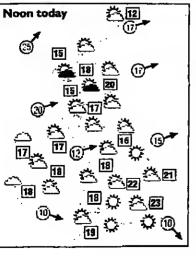
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BRITAIN TODAY



OUTLOOK Scotland will have a mixture of sunny spells and scattered showers.

The showers will be mainly in the north and west where they are likely to merge to a longer spell of rain later in the day. The odd light shower may crop up in Northern ireland and northern England but there will be plenty of sunshine in hetween. Remaining parts of England and Wales will be dry with some sunshine after the clearance of early mist and fog patches.

NEXT FEW DAYS

Rain in Scotland will clear to blustery showers and sunny spells in most parts for the afternoon. Northern Ireland and northern England will have a cloudy spell when light rain is possible but the claud will break later. Elsewhere in England and Wales will be warm with plenty of sunshine on Thursday, Further rain on Friday in Scotland and Northern Ireland but eisewhere will be dry with It becoming very warm in many parts.

YESTERDAY BRITISH ISLES WEATHER

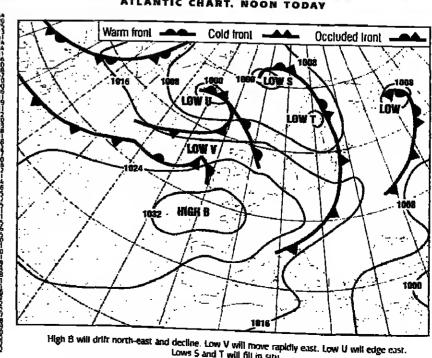
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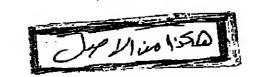
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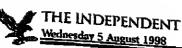
Gary McMichael, urging

a strong response





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I lost my cash, my business, and my dreams when I was sold a dud policy

MICHAEL MOYSE is a victim of By Andrew Buncombe Britain's biggest ever financial scandal - the pension misselling debacle involving more than £15hn.

Mr Moyse, an entrepreneur dustry, was once on the brink of making millions: now he is forced to live off state benefit.

"Everything we had worked towards was lost. I was devastated, totally devastated," he said. "Now my wife and myself are forced to live off £100 a week and we risk losing everything."

Mr Moyse, 51, is one of three people who have formally complained to the police that they ad been mis-sold pensions by Fierent companies. He says be is touch with another hundred similar cases though there may be 2 million cases in all. The police have told him that the three investigations could in reality become test cases.

Mr Moyse, a former property developer from Taunton, Somerset, and his wife Corinne. spent more than five years developing a plan to develop a new kind of leisure project. Their dream was to establish a covered leisure facility that would have housed indoor tennis, bowls, golf and a retail area. There are many such "umbrella leisure" facilities on the Continent but in 1990 when the **L**uple's plan was finalised, it buld have been the only one

We had done everything. We had gone through a very difficult planning inquiry, we had found financial backers, we had thought of everything," said

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Mr Moyse's allegation - and the basis of his criminal complaint to the police as well as a civil action he is currently pursuing - is that Guardian Royal Exchange mis-sold him pensions as part of wider deal to provide leans to finance the project. He alleges the loan was never forthcoming. In his civil action against the company he is claiming "several million pounds".

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the project had worked," he said. "Instead we lost everything. We lost the site, we lost with interests in the leisure inarranged and we also face losing our home.

"If I was to take a job, I would now have to earn more than £45,000 a month to pay back what I owe in debts. What sort of job am I going to get that pays that. As a result, we are living off benefit. It makes you feel completely impotent.

He said he was adamant to fight his action, despite the re-



Terry Golding: Tintend to carry on fighting'

peated refusal of Treasury officials and regulators to carry out a criminal investigation.

He said: "The thing is that if you sit down and lie back you will just feel sorry for yourself. With me it is the opposite."

Another alleged victim of the mis-selling debacle is Terry Golding, who also once looked forward to a wealthy future.

In the late 1980s, he was engaged in setting up his own business park in Hampshire. By 1989, he had succeeded in letting all the space to blue-chip companies that he could rely on to pay the rent in the toughest circumstances

As his prospects looked up, Mr Golding moved with his family - wife Penny and chil-"Who knows how much dren Jonathan, Simon, money we might have made if Nicholas and Sarah-Jane - to

a Queen Anne manor house in the Oxfordshire countryside. Mr Golding was advised hy

friends that to make the big step, from comfortably off to wealthy he would need expert advice. Over many years, he dealt closely with representatives of Sun Life of Canada and ploughed thousands of pounds a year into pension and other policies. At one point he paid £55,000 a year in

Some details of Mr Golding's story cannot be published bese they form part of the police inquiry. But what can be said is that Mr Golding and his family were forced out of their home four days before Christmas 1994. They were forced to stay with friends until much cheaper rented accommodation could he found.

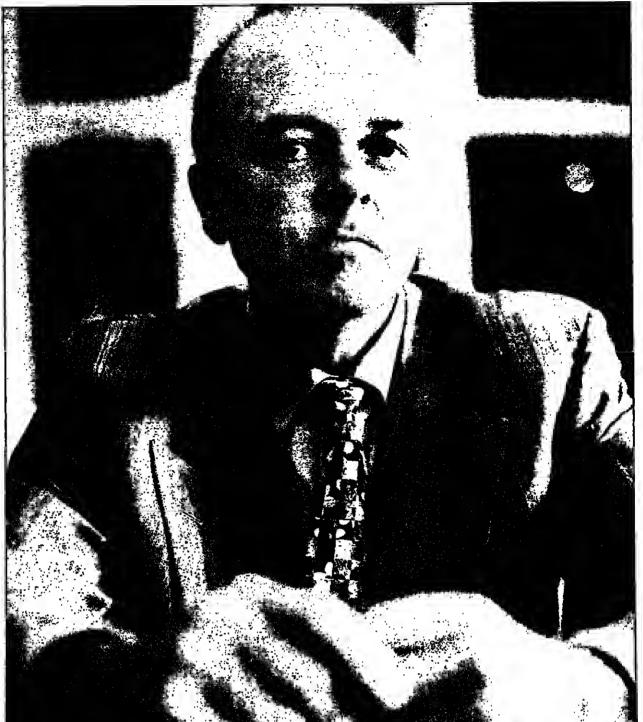
Mr Golding, no longer comfortably off, now lives in straitened circumstances in rented housing near Reading, Berkshire. He no longer has a mortgage - hut pensions and mortgages are a constant preoccupation.

He says: "I intend to carry on fighting for justice, not only for myself but for thousands of other people out there that don't have a voice."

Michael Jacobs and his wife Denise, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, the third couple whose allegation is being investigated by the Metropolitan Police, claim they have also lost "a great deal of money".

The couple say they could have made millions of pounds had they managed to retain the patent for their invention of micro-video and television screens to operate in the back of airline seats and in the passenger area of taxi cabs. They say that because of the money they lost after being sold the wrong pension by Legal and General, they were unable to renew the patent and instead it was snapped up by other entrepreneurs. They too have faced losing everything.

"It is sad, very sad indeed," said Mrs Jacobs. "It hurts more than you can say."



Michael Moyse: "If I was to take a job, I would have to earn £45,000 a month to pay back what I owe' Tom Pilston GRE and Sun Life of Canada.

TIMETABLE OF A **SCANDAL**

1987: Personal pensions go on sale for first time.

1988-90: Government sanctions advertising campaign to encourage people to leave employers' schemes and take out personal pensions. It also sanctions the spending of billions of pounds in taxpayers' money as

an inducement. 1988-93: Nearly 6 million people buy personal pensions. Four million-plus are legitimate sales which benefit customers. But 2 million leave employers' schemes, foregoing employer contributions worth up to 10 per

cent of their salary. 1993: KPMG report suggests the majority of personal pensions bought by employees may

have been mis-sold. October 1994: The Securities and Investments Board reports that more than 600,000 victims may exist. Compensation is up

1995: SIB takes six months to issue guidance on how to review potential mis-selling cases. Insurers persuade a judge to order that letters to potential

victims are watered down. 1996: Insurers insist they are making progress in review ahead of 31 December deadline. 1997: Leaked memo shows less than 10 per cent of cases have been reviewed. Regulators begin publicly fining companies. June 1997: Helen Liddell, Treasury minister, reprimands insurance directors.

October 1997; Prudential reprimanded by the SIB. March 1998: Most insurers meet deadline for settling 90 per cent of urgent cases. Many

Spring 1998: Estimates for the cost of the review soar to £15bn. Helen Liddell launches phase two of the review involving 1.5 million non-urgent cases.

Summer 1998: The Pru sets " aside £1.1hn for compensation; L&G over £600m. News leaks that the Met's Fraud Squad is investigating Legal & General,

Two million victims of biggest cash scandal

MORE than two million people in the UK have been caught up in the £15bn pension mis-selling debacle. But to date not a single criminal charge has heen hrought, because, say regulators, no one meant to mislead a customer, as far as

Mis-selling takes place when a life insurance or independent financial adviser's sales person sells an investment product which is not in the best inests of the customer to buy. The mis-selling took place on

a giant scale between 1987 and 1994. In 1987 the Thatcher government applied pressure to life insurance companies to sell personal pensions, and paid for a hig TV campaign to encourage people to leave employers' schemes in favour of the new investment vehicle. Employees with reserva-

tions about their employer looking after their pension money were particularly well-targeted. Miners, nurses, teachers and local government officers were among the biggest customers. The sales people were given an easy sale. As well as lesving

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the employer's scheme, customers could use the personal pension to replace state earnings related pensions, picking up annual incentives worth one or two percent of their salaries just for doing so.
It aeemed a win-win: the

customer was getting extra savings from the government and a pension to call their own.

Sales people did not always explain two crucial drawbacks. In almost all cases employer's contributions were only payable if employees were in the employer's pension scheme. When employees left, a contribution worth up to 14 per cent of salary was forfeited.

The second was the sales person's real motivation. By persuading a customer to save £100 a month into a personal pension, a sales person could pick up a commission of around £1,500 - taken out of the customer's savings.

The small print would set out an initial charge of 5 per cent. But that was five per cent of all contributions for 25 years. The

money was taken out upfront, so most of the first two years' contributions were spent paying a salesman for his kindness.

While many were well-advised to buy personal pensions, two million were persuaded to take them up despite having a better opportunity to be in an employer's scheme.

Some maverick voices warned no good would come of it, but were ignored.

It was not until late 1993 that accountants and actuarial consultants KPMG produced an explosive report which suggested that the majority of employees who ignored their employer's scheme in favour of a personal pension had got a raw deal.

Public pressure persuaded Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, to press ahead with further studies. A year later, KPMG came back with an official study on behalf of the SIB. It found over 90 per cent of the sions in question were likely to have been mis-sold.

If KPMG was right, up to £5bn was at stake - and more than half a million people had

lost an average of £8,000 each. Many would never know: they had already died. Others had retired or transferred their

money to another pension. SIB ordered companies to review all cases in question, and a review of 600,000 urgent cases was meant to be 90 per cent complete by the end of 1996. But it was dogged by delays. Professional indemnity insurers, such as LIBM, feared bankruptcy if they paid the giant claims and in 1995 they took the regulators to judicial review. Advisers, the judge ruled, could not be required to send out letters explicitly telling customers they may have suffered mis-

In February 1997 The Inde-pendent published a leaked memo from the regulators showing that less than 10 per cent of urgent cases had heen

Since early 1997 dozens of mpanies have been fined a total of more than £10m because of failings connected to the review. The review's second tranche - of 1.5m less urgent

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pension plan although you could have joined your employer's scheme. If you qualify,

4. Has the firm or adviser which sold you the personal pension plan already contacted you? Did they send you a letter or a questionnaire asking for some basic information? If so did you reply? If not, it is important that you get in touch with them as quickly as you can. If you tact the firm and check.

don't, you could lose your chance to have things put right. If you are anxious or uncertain about what is happening, con-5. You may be asked for details about your current pay and employment details, whether

joined and left your employer's pension scheme. They could ask for copies of documents such as payslips, booklets about your employer's scheme or statements showing what benefits you would have had.

6. When your review has been completed the firm will write and tell you whether it believes you were wrongly advised and if so whether you have suffered loss. If it believes you did not, and you are not happy with the decision you have the right to appeal.

7. If the firm decides you were wrongly advised and have suffered loss it may send an offer of redress telling you how it you are married, and the ap-

proximate dates when you also tell you what to do if you are not sure whether to accept. 8. If the firm cannot yet make you a definite offer, if for example your employer's scheme has not yet decided if they will take you hack, they will send you a letter of intent, outlining what they expect will happen

> 9. If you are still able to rejoin your employer's scheme it is usually a good idea to do so now. 10. If the firm that advised you is no longer in business, you want general advice and information about the pensions review or you are unhappy at the way your complaint has been dealt with, contact the PIA Pensions Unit on 0171-417-7001. CLIFFORD GERMAN

National Savings:

'millions missing'

UNTRAINED CIVIL servants BY PAUL WAUGH doing their sums manually have left National Savings accounts with an unexplained "hlack hole" of more than

A scathing report published today by the Nahooal Audit Office found that the state savings scheme heloved of pensioners and children was riddled with accounting errors that left it wide open to fraud on

The Commons Public discrepancies were so serious that it would be calling National Savings chiefs to appear before it as soon as possible.

Sir John Bourn, head of the NAO, found that most of the



David Davis: Taxpayer will have to pay for errors

hlunders were due to imtrained clerical staff calculating figures by hand and misallocating

balances of savings accounts. Staff in key finance posts lacked accountancy qualifications and accounting proce-dures were so weak that tiny miscalculations resulted in huge discrepancies, said the re-

National Savings, which in its role as an executive per cent share of the personal savings market in the UK, with 30 million customers investing £63 billion last year.

The agency's biggest market is in pensioners' guaranteed NAO report, said: "This is not income bonds, premium bonds and children's bonus bonds, often gifts arranged for young- fraud, to loss, and it is the taxsters by parents and relatives. payer who will have to pay."

Political Correspondent

Sir John found gross inaccuracies in the accounts of National Savings centres across the country, with £3.1 million discrepancies in its Glasgow office, £1.2 million in Blackpool and £5.1 million in Durham.

As a result, the agency has net assets of £800,000 when compared to its liabilities to investors. One error, later corrected, led to £11.7 million being Accounts Committee said the removed from a deposit bond account though no money was

> "Significant unexplained balances" of £3.4 million also existed on the agency's suspense accounts, funds that hold cash until allocated to customer ac-

National Savings admitted that the books were in such a mess that the figure could be eveo higher, though it stressed that individual investors would not suffer because their funds were protected by statute.

A further £2.25 million went unaccounted for when National Savings failed to demand from the Post Office substantial sums paid over the counter by investors, Consultants investigating the errors cost £500,000.

In a series of recommendations, Sir John called for active monitoring and training of financial staff, many of whom lacked basic skills, such as double-entry bookkeeping.

He also attacked the agency for failing to meet a deadline to report its progress on the affair by the end of last year and pointed out that fraud remained a major worry.

"There were undoubtedly weaknesses in controls which could have provided the helps to fund the National Debt opportunity for fraud," he said. "Fraud could have been a conresolved differences in the financial accounting systems."

David Davis, chairman of the Commons Public Accounts Committee which ordered the rocket science. These errors leave National Savings open to



Staff at the Great British Beer Festival enjoy a pint before drinkers arrive for the opening yesterday of the show in London's Olympia

DRIVING INTO THE FUTURE

Peter Macdiarmid

Road tsar will slow cars to cut jams

Overhead gantry

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to the motorist.

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BY RANDEEP RAMESH Transport Correspondeot

BRITAIN'S MOTORISTS face tighter controls on their driving under plans aimed at cutting traffic jams, ministers announced yesterday.

A package of measures, including crawler lanes for slowmoving traffic on motorways and low-speed zones, will be rolled out by the Highways Agency, which oversees the nation's major roads.

The agency, whose head Lawrie Haynes has been dubbed the "car tsar", said there were plans to expand the trials of the variable speed limits system on the M25. On busy sections of London's orbital motorway, drivers are told to go slower than 70mph to pre-

Variable limits have proved a success during the two years of operation between junctions 10 and 15 on the M25. Police say there has been a 28 per cent reduction in accidents and there has been a 15 per cent increase in drivers using the nearside lane.

The experiment will be

extended to other sections of the M25, the M5 and M6 around Birmingham and on stretches of husy motorways around Manchester

heams to

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traffic conditions.

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Officials pointed out there had been a drop in pollution at-

tributed to car exhausts and

much "smoother" traffic flows. Also being considered is a futuristic vision of an "automated highway". This would see a complex electronic monitoring

system ensure cars "commu-

nicated" with each other so

Smart cars use radar system

to position themselves in the

middle of the lane, hrake and

steer to maintain distances

speed at a safe distance apart. "It is some way off, but there are working examples in progress," said one official. The agency has already examined a

Californian experiment where

motorists drive onto a moving

"belt" that transports vehicles

OUEUE-BUSTING SCHEMES

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Dirver Information system uses electronic messages to warn drivers of jams Variable speed limits on busy stretches of M25: Crawler lane on M25 Free emergency service to clear stranded cars

from highway

Cars fitted with electronic messaging systems to warn drivers of jams Vanable speed limits on stretches of city's

along a stretch of highway.

The agency also plans to introduce crawler lanes to the M25 within two years, between tunctions 16 and 19 on the west side of the motorway and east of junction 27 on the north-east section. This will see lorries and heavy vehicles using the hard shoulder in a carefully con-

trolled operation. agency to promote better con- detailed enough. nections with train services and link up with park-and-ride schemes around towns and cities," said Lord Whitty, the use of our roads network, we roads minister. He said the agency will also "shift empha-

sis from road building". "We are looking to make maintenance a priority and roads for their livelihood."

have given the agency £300 million more to spend," he said. Motoring organisations welcomed the new package. Peter Brill, the RAC's technology

spokesman, said: " Motorists do

not want to sit in congestion and

need to be able to make smart,

informed choices about time. mode and route of travel." However, the lorry lobby was concerned the plans were no

A spokesman for the Road Haulage Association said: "If we wish to make maximum have to start to distinguish between those using the roads for private, social purposes and those depending upon the

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Dounreay supplied weapons material

THE PRIME Minister Tony Blair misinformed MPs in June when he gave them a categorical assurance that the Dounreav nuclear complex in Scotland had never heen the source of material for nuclear

Instead, a Partiamentary answer by Margaret Beckett revealed yesterday that the site was used to make plutonium and enriched uranium for British ouclear weapons for almost 20 years, which previous Governments have denied

since the plant started in 1956. In the written answer, as one the Board of Trade, Mrs BeckBy Charles Arthur **Technology Editor**

audit of the records requested by the Government... it is clear that there were in the past documented transfers from Dounreay which related to UK military programmes."

The transfers would have happened before 1973, when Britain signed the Euratom Treaty to verify that nuclear materials are not diverted from civil purposes to military use. The material went to the Atomic Weapons Research Establishmeot (AWRE), Aldermaston, now operated by the Ministry of Defence.

Minister's Questions, Mr Blair

told Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party: "I can confirm that no such [radioactivel material has ever been sent from Dounreay for use for UK weapons purposes." The UK Atomic Energy Au-

thority (UKAEA), which has responsibility for Dounreay, insisted yesterday that the site's primary role "has always been civil, not defence" and that it was set up to test technologies for civil nuclear reactors. But between 1956 and 1973, UKAEA was also responsible for AWRE.

Yesterday Mr Salmond said: This new information vindi-

On 3 June, during Prime Dounreay). The Prime Minister last." either misled the House, or was himself misled.

"This episode illustrates that the secrecy over nuclear matters is not just confined to the industry itself, but also extends to the heart of Government, which is extremely serious. The SNP will now he demand-

ing a full explanation. Tony Blair may be finding it hot in Tuscany at the moment, hut he will find it even hotter when he gets back."

Yesterday Scotland's most prominent anti-nuclear campaigner Lorraine Mann, of Scotland Against Nuclear Dumping, said: "It is gratifying

Earlier this year spokesmen for Dounreay admitted that it was going to accept reactor material from the former Soviet republic of Georgia for reprocessing.

At that time the plant had had to stop reprocessing following critical reports from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Sooo afterwards the UKAEA reported that about 170 kg of fissile material was "unaccounted for" from the 1950s and 1960s.

Days later, the Government announced that it would not allow Dounreay to continue reprocessing after it had dealt ed is being cleaned.

cates the SNP's campaign (on to see the truth come out at with existing contracts. Within days, a damning report from the HSE was leaked which detailed manifest faults in the operation and management of the plant, ■ No one suffered permanent radioactive contamination in Monday's accident at the Sellafield site run by British Nuclear Fuels, the company said

yesterday. A laboratory building was cleared of 72 people after a release of radioactivity was automatically detected.

One person had external cootamination removed. The other people involved were not affected and the laboratory

IN BRIEF

Sex attack on blind man

A BLIND man faces an agonising wait to see if he has contracted HIV after being subjected to a "horrendous" sex assault in Edinburgh two months ago. Detectives say the attacker offered to help the man hut lured him into an alley before assaulting him. The man, who has been blind since hirth, is now awaiting the results of HTV tests.

Doctor on murder charge

A HOSPITAL anaesthetist was committed to Leeds Crown Court yesterday charged with murdering a ourse. Vickie Fletcher, 21, who worked at Pontefract Infirmary, was shot in May at Castleford, West Yorkshire. Dr Thomas Shanks, 47, of Pontefract, is also charged with illegally possessing an AK47 assault rifle.

Bomb defused for Eastenders

NEARLY 2,000 people were returning home tonight after a World War Two bomh was defused. The bomb, which was discovered yesterday hy workers on a huilding site in Harford Street, Stepney, east Loodon, was made safe this afternoon hy a squad from the Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal Unit.

Britons held over drug claims

SIX BRITISH tourists were yesterday remanded in jail for eight days by a court in Cyprus while police investigate allegations that they were trafficking in drugs. The men, all thought to be from north London, were arrested by police, following a hp-off, during a pre-dawn raid on their apartment in the southern resort of Aya Napa.

Babies hit by skin disease

INFANTS DEVELOPED hlistering and redness symptoms of bullous impetigo - soon after they left Forth Park Hospital in Kirkcaldy. Fife, over the last few weeks. Eight probable and 11 suspected cases were identified. The infection can be serious in new-born bahies.

MO MOWLAM

The recurrent problems over the parades issue show us how far reconciliation between the two communities still has to go'

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Huge rise in Caesarean births

TOO FEW women are allowed real choice over pregnancy and giving hirth, campaigners said health improvement protoday as Government strategy for mothers-to-be celebrated its

fifth anniversary. The National Childbirth Trust warned that Caesarean sections are still oo the increase and real choice for women still depends on where they live.

The Changing Childbirth strategy was launched by the last government to ensure that care of a pregnant woman should be "planned and provided ... in partnership with

Today the NCT launches a 10-point plan, calling on the Government to see maternity care as a crucial part of its doctors, lack of training and I the scheme folded after a mid-

BY GLENDA COOPER

gramme and to improve the quality of post-natal care. It also wants action to reduce

the number of Caesarean sections carried out in Britain. A report by the Audit Commission last year revealed the number of Caesareans had increased to

a level that is worrying doctors. In the UK, 17 per cent of births are Caesareans, compared to 13 per ceot five years ago, costing the NHS an estimated £20m.

Linda Turner, a senior NCT volunteer said: "Fear of litigation is driving the rate [of Caesareans] up, [there is] inadequate support for junior

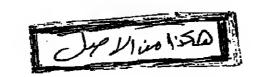
also think women have lost wife was offered redundancy. some confidence about their bodies and what they can do. They need to be given the facts and figures about giving birth." Another priority should be

woman-centred maternity care in midwife-led services. However. Ruth Howard, an NCT trustee, said that many have been axed because of lack of resources. "Week by week, we hear of small user-friendly projects being dismantled because of lack of funds," she said.

In Bolton, a Changing Childbirth initiative was wound up despite increased birth weights from midwives, including supfor babies from disadvantaged families. In North Middlesex Hospital, where the number of Caesarean sections was falling,

"Many of us who have been involved in Changing Childbirth are worried that the excellent work achieved over the past five years could be undermined, because of the lack of resources or lack of commitment or simply lack of understanding of the importance of maternity issues for public

health." said Ms Howard. The 10-point plan urges the Government to allow women more involvement in planning and monitoring maternity services, and better post-natal care port for breastfeeding and encouraging drop-in community schemes so that parents, particularly from disadvantaged groups, have access to help.



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BY JANE ROBINS Media Correspondent

THE BBC hit back yesterday at big companies who use huge resources, PR firms and expensive lawyers to attack its flagship consumer affairs programme, Watchdog.

The BBC's firm stand came as Dixons, Airtours and Ford met other leading firms to try to agree a co-ordinated strategy of attack on Watchdog. "We have failed to meet the BBC governors, and I think we should now be lobbying Culture Secretary Chris Smith," said a lawyer for some of the firms.

Meanwhile, at Television Centre in west London, Anne Morrison, the BBC's head of consumer programmes, defended the reputation of her programmes, and exposed the sophistication of the ploys employed by some big companies trying to outwit Watchdog journalists who were pursuing

"It is important not to be bullied by them," she said. "And I am a hard person to bully."

Without naming the companies, she said: "They know we need responses from them for our programmes because of our duty of fairness and balance, so they take a long time in coming back to us - sometimes responding just before we go on air - and making it difficult for us to run an item. Then they threaten legal action, saying they will sue if we make certain claims in a film."

Others involved in consumer programmes confirm that responding to legal threats regularly ties up precious production time, and complicates the lives of journalists trying to put a case together.

In some parts of the BBC letters are constantly received from legal firms representing cluding to the director-general,

Watchdog critics, One insider says he is so bombarded with lawyers' letters about consumer programmes that it al-

most amounts to harassment. Ms Morrison confirms that companies try to trip up Watchdog and other consumer programmes, such as Radio 4's You and Yours and Face the Facts, by firing off hostile faxes to people all around the BBC, into appear at the commission in its complaint against Wotchdog, while James Price QC represented Air Tours, says the BBC.

A BBC insider says the big companies' basic approach has been to make a make a complaint to the commission on a large number of grounds, and hope to win on a minor point, which draws attention away from the legitimate journalism in the Watchdog investigation.

Ms Morrison expresses a similar sentiment. "They have a tendency to shoot the messenger," she said. "Some firms address a problem by attacking us, rather than by rectifying the

She believes it to be vital that the BBC stands up for its consumer programmes. "We are the only broadcaster to do this type of journalism," she said. TTV is unable to do it, as it would jeopardise its relationship with its advertisers."

Ms Morrison dismisses claims that standards of journalism declined under Steve Anderson, Watchdog's previous editor.

"We are not complacent," she said, "one error is one error too many. But this is the sort of journalism where anything slightly amiss will be exposed and paraded by the

The anti-Watchdog firms are not impressed by the BBC's high-minded approach.

before a programme is broadcast. Sorting them all out can "We first got together six months or so ago," said a spokeswoman for Dixons, "be-Another recent trend, she says, has been for companies to cause we thought Watchdog invest huge resources in taking was taking too many cheap, opportunistic shots. their complaints to the Broad-

"Any other large corpora casting Standards Commistion with a complaint against it sion. Increasingly, they turn would have offered to meet up at the commission with topwith us. But the BBC does ex-For instance, the leading tend that courtesy. This strikes us as cavalier." libel lawyer Charles Gray QC

THE CASE OF THE MONDEO THAT LEANED LEFT

FORD

Watchdog ran a story about Ford Mondeos with steering that leaned to the left. Ford then made a multi-faced complaint to the BSC.

Watchdog wins Ford itself had said a steering drift in Watchdog wins some Mondeos was "characteristic", and the BSC said Watchdog was justified in reporting this.

Ford had complained that its chairman, Ian McAllister, had been doorstepped by the programme. The BSC said this approach was justified. Watchdog, in spite of Ford claims, had allowed Ford to put its case. ■ Watchdog was justified in investigating the claims.

Watchdog losses ■ Watchdog had failed to make clear the distinction between Ford Motor

Company and Ford Dealers; Five programmes that reported the steering difficulties had given the impression of a design or manufacturing problem. This was unfair to Ford;

■ Watchdog had taken too long to pass on complaints from viewers to Ford.

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Ford complaint partially upheld by BSC, and both maintain they were right.

VIAGRA is set to become the

latest target of drugs tsar

Keith Hellawell, it emerged

buster is monitoring the influx

of black market supplies of the

impotency pills into the UK

and is poised to offer advice

to ministers on curbing its il-

Although more accus-

tomed to tackling heroin, co-

caine and ecstasy, Mr

Hellawell said his remit cov-

ered all forms of drug abuse

- including improper use of

Viagra, which has taken

Police have already made

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plies of the drug and reports

are growing of a booming

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THE CASE OF THE HOLIDAY HOTEL WITH SEWER VIEW

AIRTOURS

Weekend Watchdog ran a story about an all-inclusive package holiday sold by Airtours at the hotel Club Bodrum in Turkey. Airtours made a long, detailed

■ The extent of problems at Club Bodrum was fairly portrayed by Watchdog, said the BSC;

■ There was fairness in the balance between airtime given to unsatisfied customers and satisfied customers; ■ Accounts of sewage running down an incline at the back of the hotel were fairly represented.

Watchdog losses

■ Watchdog had unfairly implied that compensation paid by Airtours had been the result of Watchdog's action; ■ A telephone poll inviting viewers to vote on the compensation that Airtours should pay had been an mappropriate

"piece of theatre"; ■ Watchdog had not produced sufficient evidence that a problematic kitchen was actually being used for the preparation of food.

Airtours complaint partially upheld by the BSC. Both sides consider that they were, broadly, in the right.

THE CASE OF THE SECOND-HAND 'NEW' GOODS

DIXONS

be a bureaucratic nightmare.

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against Watchdog - most famously against its investigations into secondhand goods being sold as if new, and hard-selling of extended warranties.

Watchdog wins

■ Watchdog was justified in investigating the large number of complaints about Dixons;

■ Watchdog had rightly reported that some items in Dixons were, in fact, second hand; ■ Watchdog had been justified in

carrying the Consumers' Association's comments on extended warranties without seeking Dixons' response.

Watchdog losses

It was not clear that Dixons had at no time denied that a computer being investigated was, in fact, second hand; ■ Secret filming of a Dixons salesman promoting extended warranties had been placed next to film of salespeople in other stores misleading customers on the subject. This had been unfair, and an infringement of privacy.

Complaint partially upheld. Dixons and the BBC at loggerheads. BBC to take a BSC privacy ruling in connection with Dixons to judicial review.

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Mr Hellawell said that if the abuse became widespread he would offer advice and recommendations to the Government

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The drug is not yet licensed for use in the UK but is expected to become available on prescription this au-

A spokeswomen for the drugs tsar said: "Mr Hellawell has this issue in mind. "At the moment there's no research been undertaken. Until we've got some sort of concrete evidence we wouldn't be putting in addi-

tional resources. "But we monitor situations and make recommendations to the Government on the whole area of drug abuse."

Fatal climbs kill father and step-father

A CLIMBER who watched his an outstanding climber and step-father plunge to his death always maintained a very good while abseiling lost his natural standard. father 20 years ago in another mountain tragedy. Tom Estcourt, 27, was with

his step-father Dave Pearce, an expert snow and ice climber, on South Stack in Holyhead, north Wales, on Saturday when Mr Pearce fell 120ft. He was airlifted to hospital, but died later.

Two decades ago Tom's father Nick Estcourt - one of Britain's leading climbers was killed in an Himalayan expedition led by Sir Chris Bonington.

Sir Chris, who knew both men well, said yesterday that be twice-widowed Carolyn and her three children. "This is a cruel and desper-

Sir Chair said: "Nick was an extremely good climber and a very loyal friend. We climbed a avalanche on K2 while on an lot together in this country. He really was a smashing bloke. It is so cruel."

killed."

killing him.

"He was the last person you

would expect to be caught up in

an accident like that. But that's

the way that climbing goes -

just one incident and you can be

Tom's natural father Nick

Estcourt was with Sir Chris on

K2 when a snow slope gave way,

later married Dave, had sold was devastated at the double the ski shop they shared in tragedy and felt deeply for Altrincham, Cheshire in order to spend more time together. Dave was a terrific family

Sir Chris said Carolyn, who

man and climbing was someate tragedy," he said "Dave was thing he loved doing," he added.

Trail of secrets leads to billionaires who could tear British football apart

BY STEVE BOGGAN PAUL MCCANN ANNE HANLEY AND NICK HARRIS

SECRECY HUNG over the proposed European foothall Superleague like heavy fog yesterday. But in the gloom there was a glimpse of the substan-

tial figure of Rupert Murdoch. "We were invited to the first meeting to discuss the plans, and even we doo't know what's going on," said a spokeswoman for the Dutch club Ajax.

It is said that little happens on the world media stage these days without Mr Murdoch being somewhere in the vicinity and the secret superleague project appears little different.

Ajax are among 16 elite clubs thought to form the basis of the breakaway movement, but being invited to the party seems no guarantee of being asked to dance.

"We had someone go to a meeting in London on July 2 to talk about a oew Superleague - but we've heard nothing since," said the Ajax spokes-

The meeting, at the offices of City solicitors Slaughter & May, was couched in secrecy. The floors above and below the gathering were reportedly cleared of staff and all papers were destroyed before the talks finished, ensuring no documentary proof of a breakaway could emerge in the media.

Behind the operation is Media Partners International, a company with offices in London, New York and Milan, It is run by Rodolpho Hecht, a sporting events specialist and former chairman of Fininvest, which is the media giant owned by Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister.

Speculation is now rife among foothall clubs not involved in the deal that Mr Murdoch is preparing to team up with Mr Berlusconi to corner European football.

Yesterday, Fininvest confirmed it was in talks with Mr Murdoch's News Corporation and the German media mogul



Silvio Berlusconi May team up with Murdoch



Rupert Murdoch 'Little happens on world media stage without him'

If Mr Murdoch's previous form is anything to go by, he will use sport to boost viewing figures. This is a method he has used to devastating effect in America with baseball, and in Britain with football and rugby

The first plank of the alliance was laid yesterday when Mr Berlusconl sold a one-third minority stake in a sports channel owned by Kirch to the Kirch media empire for \$102m

The next stage of the deal is likely to be the sale of 20 per cent of the Kirch empire to Murdoch, Berlusconi and Leo Kirch almed at forming a Prince Al Waleed Bin Talal, a "new European media major". Saudi Arabian billionaire who



owns Four Seasons hotels, Saks (the New York department store), a large stake in Euro-Disney, and a television enterprise with the singer Michael

Mr Murdoch's UK television

move into Europe. However he is keen to get a tochold in Germany and to spread the expertise of BSkyB in sub-

scription sports television. Leo Kirch owns 40 per cent of Germany's largest newspabusiness, BSkyB, denies that it per group, Axel Springer, but his is the vehicle for his first major company is overstretched after

ploughing millions into the will belp share the high startcreation of a digital televisioo channel called DF1 - a channel that would be useful for pan-European pay-per-view foot-

A bail-out of Kirch gives Europe's other media giants the blueprint for an alliance that his Mediaset television sub-

(Italy) Achieved a notable landmark last

A title, but only after a row over favouritism

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Another club that has not

year's Champions League by right: they only finished eighth last term in a

up costs of the digital television revolution.

Mr Berlusconi, who is currently appealing against a jail sentence for bribery, was in talks earlier this year with Mr Murdoch's BSkyB about selling

The blue and blacks are nov

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Last term the
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Olympique Marseilles (France) Probably the most scandal-

ridden club in Europe. The wealth of the



Prince al Waleed bin Talal Saudi billionaire



Leo Kirch His company ploughed millions into digital TV

sidiary. Later, it was revealed that Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, had spoken on Mr Murdoch's behalf in a telephone conversatioo with Romano Prodi, the Italian premier, when he asked if the deal would be permitted hy the Italian authorities.

Mr Blair later came under fire from Opposition MPs, but defended himself by saying he was simply giving Mr Murdoch the same backing he would give to any British businessman, apparently forgetting that Mr Murdoch is an Australian who has taken American nationality.

Murdoch to be involved in this,"

last season, for the Antield

hierarchy, which has brought in the experienced French coach, Gérard Houllier,

(Greece) Contenders

their support and potential than their record, last

THE SUPERLEAGUE'S FIRST 16 CANDIDATES

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Arsène Wenger, to restore the Gunners to the summit of the English game and secure the

Premiership club yesterday. "He's not going to lie down and see the top clubs taken away from the Premiership. That would be disastrous for coverage on Sky. But I guess we'll be the last to find out."

The English clubs involved Arsenai, Manchester United and Liverpool - have attended several meetings with uther top clubs. The Slaughter & May partners dealing with the breakaway are Philippe Chappate, an EU competition law specialist, and Tony Beare. who specialises in corporate

In attendance at the July 2 meeting are thought to have been representatives of J.P.Morgan, the investment bank which will underwrite the Chn venture, and executives from Juventus, Milan and Inter from Italy; Bayern Munich, and Borussia Dortmund from Germany; Paris St Germain and Olympique Marseilles from France: Real Madrid and Barcelona from Spain; Ajax from the Netherlands: Panathanaikos from Greece: Benfica from Portugal; and An-

derlecht from Belgium. It is thought a further 16 clubs will be drafted in depeoding on the kind of competitioo the organisers decide to deploy.

The Premier League is desperate to hold its domestic 20 teams together and has put threats of a breakaway at the top of the agenda for its next meeting with clubs on September 3.

It said this week that it had received assurances from Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal over the future of their European football, but it seems little can stop the teams from joining the breakaway.

Whstever happens, most clubs will be pleased that the sport's European governing body. UEFA, will be forced to give them more say over how international competitions are

They have been disillusioned for years over UEFA's ban-"It makes perfect sense for dling of the financial side of the

another crack at the European Cup, which they 1995 and 96 and the following year, the

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IF THERE is one thing that can be dismissed in the debate

BY GUY HODGSON about the European Super League it is the warning from Keith Wiseman at the weekend. Leave the Premiership, the Football Associatioo's chairman said, and "clubs and players might well find themselves excluded from the whole world of sanctioned football".

On the face of it the threat seems substantial. No England caps, no English league matches and none of the money currently heing pumped into the domestic programme from

Except the clubs, if pushed, night welcome their exclusion. Aska Premiership manager what irritates him most: if it is not the fixture congestion caused by too many European and League fixtures (that would be cured at a stroke by expulsion) then it is having to release players for international matches.

That strips polyglot clubs like Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea virtually bare, Then there is the risk their the FA would have to buckle.

prized assets will return from playing for England, Norway, Italy, etc. with a serious injury. as Liverpool's Jamie Redknapp

Only football would tolerate this. No wonder Liverpool want to insure Michael Owen for Then there is the problem of

ply. If Italy were barring England's path to the World Cup with players from Juventus and the Milan clubs - bound to feature in any Euro Super League - the pressures oo the FA to lower the barricades to let in Owen, David Beckham, Tony Adams, et al would be enor-

Even if Lancaster Gate could repuise that, the clubs have the ultimate retaliatory weapon, playing matches live on the satellite or cable station that comes top of the scramble to televise the Super League at be bought off with promises of 3pm on Saturdays. Wheo Wimbledon versus Leicester City wrecking tactical preparation. starts to get desultory crowds,

they want, just as they did wheo the Premiership was formed six years ago. That will come in the form of a further

enhanced European Cup - the

Champions League is already

a misnomer with assorted runners-up included - under the jurisdiction of the European governing body, Uefa. The question then will be ensuring other countries comwhether Arsenal, Manchester English football entirely or participate both at home and in

Europe. The latter, with the interests of the national associations, the clubs and television in mind, is the likelier option. The principal problem will be appeasing the clubs left behind, like Everton and Tottenham Hotspur, who used to be included in the schemes of grandeur but who will find the door closed to the exclusive Eu-

squads of 40 who play both in 1978.

The assumption must be Europe and against their poor that the big clubs will get what er brethren in the English and er brethren in the English and Scottish Leagues. By 2030 the Premiership might be a oostalgia trip occupied by teams with quaint second names like Wednesday, County and Forest who perform in the shadow of the London Gunners and the Second City All Stars.

Already there are predictions for the demise of national sides and leagues. "The European League will come," United and Liverpool leave Franz Beckenbauer the former captain and coach of Germany, said, "and the top clubs will gain in power. One day there won't be national teams any more."

Beckenbauer was speaking after this year's World Cup finais, which he described as "OK, hut without the big moments".

"Some games in the first round should not have taken part in a stadium but on an all weather practice pitch." he ropean club. They will have to said.

In 50 years' time they could be saying that about Notting-By 2010 there could be 10 ham Forest v. Leeds United. British clubs with playing both English champions since

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apar Alarm at apar shortage of new nurses

A "HORRIFIC" fall in nursing recruits will jeopardise the Government's vision of raising the number of nurses in NHS hospitals, a top national hody claims today.

In the last four years, the number of nurses in training has dropped by more than 8,000 - a decline of 15 per cent says the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (ENB) in its annual report. The reason for the drop is a decline in appli-

The decline in trainee nurses was described as "surprising and horrific" by the Royal College of Nursing. The report follows a promise by Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, in last month's Comprehensive Spending Review to give the NHS an extra 15,000 trained nurses and 6,000 training places over the next three years. The increases - the biggest in NHS history, he said - would allow hospitals to treat an extra 3 million patients.

But Rita le Var, the ENB's assistant chief executive, said she did not know where the recruits would come from. "Who will fill these places when we already have a shortage of applicants? she told the RCN magazine, the Nursing Standard.

The ENB report shows that there were 45,589 nurses training in March 1998, 2,447 fewer than in the previous year. The number of trainees had fallen

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The RCN blamed the recruitment crisis on the lack of status for nurses and uncertainty over career prospects.

A spokesman said: "These figures reflect the problem throughout the whole profession that nurses are not seen as valued. Given the comprehensive spending review announcement, it's extremely worrying in terms of where the nurses, which we desperately need, are going to come

It is hoped that the numbers of qualified nurses will be boosted by attracting unemployed nurses back to work and bringing in foreign nurses. But the Secretary of State faced criticism last month when it was revealed that 7,000 new doctors promised under the



Christine Hancock: The Government must act'

NHS to launch patient helpline

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spending review would have to come from overseas.

We should be aiming towards self-sufficiency," said a British Medical Association spokesman. "However there are indications that the trend is in the opposite direction and in the short term we are going to have large numbers of doctors from overseas."

The RCN agreed the Government had to act quickly. "So much of the Government's vision for the future of the NHS relies on the existence of a motivated and highly skilled nursing workforce," said RCN general secretary Christine Hancock.

"You can't give patients high quality care without nurses We already know we're facing the worst crisis in murse shortages for 25 years, so a fall in the number of students training should set the alarm bells ringing. The Government must act and invest in nursing to make it an attractive profession which rewards purses properly in terms of pay, career development and working con-

A spokesman from the NHS Executive told the Nursing Standard that training 6,000 nurses by 2002 would not be easy. But he said that action had already been taken to increase applications, including a publicity campaign, an increase of 2.75 per cent in student hursaries and a decision to pay tuition fees for nursing degrees in full.

minister, Alan Milburn, yester-

rural areas, from Birmingham

to Cornwall, by next April and

will serve 19 million people. Ex-

perts hope the service will be

provided across England by

the end of 2000.



Members of Cornwall's Kneehigh Theatre carry out sound experiments with 'Hoot Boots' at Cligge Head near Perranporth

Eco-warriors destroy field of genetically engineered crops

TWELVE PEOPLE were questioned by police yesterday after a night-time attack by eco-

warriors who attempted to rip up genetically-modified maize plants at a farm near Totnes. were unveiled by the Health south Devon. The 12 were arrested and

day. He said an extra £35m is to held in custody at a police specially-trained nurses, avail- be spent across urban and station in Plymouth on susplcion of causing criminal damage or conspiracy to cause criminal damage.

incident on Monday night when a security guard at the National

BY CHARLES ARTHUR Technology Editor

Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB) at Hood Farm, Dartington, called the police saying that around 20 people in white suits were in the field spraying

the crop. The eight men and four women, aged between 20 and 40, came from the Manchester and Bristol areas. Samples of Their arrest followed an the spray used on the crops was sent for analysis.

Dr John Macleod, the NIAB

director, said: "I personally find enable informed discussion and it very frustrating that people take the law into their own hands to destroy the evidence which will allow an informed

decision." First reports said the trial area which contained one genetically-modified variety of maize and four conventional

control varieties was destroyed. He said the Institute, independent of government and industry, had "no axe to grind" and its sole objective was to pro-

duce sound scientific data to

eventual decision. Monday night's attack occur-

red even though the NIAB had hired security guards following a raid a week ago hy a different . group of protesters in which several hundred square metres of conventional maize were destroyed. In this attack the protesters missed their target - the genetically modified crop. The two are indistinguishable in appearance.

a group called the Genetic committee.

Engineering Network said that 30 "concerned citizens", many from the Totnes area, had taken "direct action" aimed at preventing the pollination of a genetically engineered crop.

 House of Commons officials last night confirmed that they took the decision to try to keep genetically-modified food out of Commons bars and restaurants. The decision was taken by officials and not by MPs on A statement yesterday from the House's all-party catering

Ladybirds being wiped out by parasitic wasps

Science Editor

THE BRITISH ladybird is being wiped out by a tiny parasitic wasp whose numbers have exploded over the past few

Scientists forecast that the decimation could cost millions of pounds in extra pesticides needed to control the insects normally eaten by ladybirds. Surveys have revealed that

the number of ladybirds infected by the parasitic wasp has escalated from about 20 per cent three years ago to more than 70 per cent - a level of infection that is having a significant impact on the beetle's population. This year's cold, wet sum-

mer is causing additional problems for the ladybird because it needs warm sunshine to become active enough to meet potential mates and so repro-The seven-spot ladybird is the largest and the most com-

mon ladybird. It is a friend of gardeners and farmers because of its voracious appetite for aphids - one beetie can consume about 5,500 green fly in a lifetime.

Now it is under attack from a small wasp. Dinocampus Coccinellae, which has multiplied



The seven-spot ladybird is plagued by parasitic wasps

Inquest told of Scout tragedy

alarmingly over recent years, according to Irene Geoghegan a research scientist at the Scottish Crops Research Institute in Dundee, who is conducting a survey of the ladybird and its parasite.

"The interaction of this wasp with its host is truly gruesome. Wasps locate a ladybird and lay a single egg inside it," Ms Geoghegan said.

The egg hatches into a larva which feeds off the living beetle. When it is fully fed it severs the ladybird's leg nerves to paralyse it and burrows out of its abdomen to weave a cocoon between the ladybird's legs.

"Here is it protected by the ladybird's bright warning coloration and by the foultasting yellow fluid that ladybird's exude from their legs," she said.

This manipulative abuse of the ladybird's own defensive systems is the reason that the wasp does not kill its host. By the time the ladybird dies of starvation, the wasp has hatched from its cocoon and it's immediately ready to seek out

ladybirds for its own eggs." The wasp can live two to three weeks, and a single female hatched in spring can infect more than 10,000 ladybirds. Geoghegan said.

showed that nearly three in four ladybirds were infected with the wasp. Initial studies in the rest of Scotland found that 70 per cent of ladybird samples have some degree of parasitic infection, Ms Geoghegan said.

"Such a high level must be highly detrimental to population numbers of their host, and thus to farmers and gardeners."

About £100 million is spent each year in Britain in controlling aphids and this might have to be doubled if the ladybird population collapsed completely, the scientists estimated.

Ms Geoghegan, who has received a millennium research grant of £14,000 to extend her survey of the seven-spot ladybird, believes the wasp has benefited from the milder winters. The lack of sharp frosts in spring means that the wasp can now have three generations a year instead of the normal two.

A fall in the ladybird population will not automatically result in a decline in the wasps because the parasite can move on to other species, she said.

"This is a problem in the sense that we cannot allow things to go on. If you throw an ecosystem dangerously off balance you can't get it back," Ms

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A CORONER yesterday called for stricter guidelines for Scouting adventure activities after hearing how an 11-year-old boy plunged 60 feet to his death on

a walk at a weekend camp. Scott Fanning slipped and fell into a ravine after a volunteer helper in charge of 11 boys missed a footpath turning and led the party onto a dangerous

The inquest in Rochdale heard that Scott, from Chadderton, Oldham, had not been turning as he led the group up given clear directions by Peter a slope to finish on an unofficial McPhillips, 27, after he realised he had gone the wrong way.

North Manchester Coroner Barrie Williams recorded a verdict of accidental death on Scott, who died of severe head injuries after falling onto rocks in a shallow river bed near the Ashworth Valley Scout Camp at

Heywood. Mr McPhillips told the hearing that he had missed the then saw Scott out of the cor-

ner of my eye. Instead of going path on the side of the gorge, some 30 yards below the recognised public footpath. The footpath ran out on the slope and he decided it was dangerous to go any further Instead he or-

dered the boys to climb up to the public footpath above them. "I knew I was going to have problem with one lad and I had to help him up," he said. "I

"The next thing I saw him sliding down the loose scree slope like a child on a slide, feet first and obviously trying to stop himself. Then he went over

straight up he had gone round

the gap in the path to the other

The Coroner said many of the problems could have been foreseen with "more planning

E Unelected minister will go in mid-1999

Scottish Media Group. Gus Macdonald, will be industry minister in the Scottish Office for only nine months, his opponents hegan to realise yes-

Mr Macdonald, who will enter the House of Lords in November as a life peer, will step down when the new Scottish Parliament takes over the industry hrief from the Scottish Office in May 1999.

Opposition had been mounting all day to the appointment of Mr Macdonald who had no



Macdonald: 'No cronyism'

recent Labour Party history or Parliamentary seat,

The Conservatives even suggested that Lord Neill, chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, should investigate the matter.

But Mr Macdonald wbo gave up his chairmanship this week and will sell his SMG shares, dismissed the row as "a frothy August story for a slow

Tony Blair is keen to put businessmen in his government and has already given ministerial jobs to the former chairman of BP Lord Simon,

and Lord Sainsbury of the supermarket family: Although Mr Macdonald was

THE FORMER chairman of By Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

> on Labour's Scottish executive during the Sixties be has not been a member of the party recently.

He said yesterday that be had little contact with either Mr Blair or Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, who appointed him.

"I haven't been in Downing Street since the election, and I haven't met the Prime Minister since the election," he said.

Although he lives 200 yards from Mr Dewar in Glasgow he said the minister had never been to his house and he had not been to Mr Dewar's until Sunday when they discussed

"If it's cronyism; it's a very strange definition," he said. "I am delighted it was welcomed by the Scottish TUC and the CBI in Scotland, I am there to try to bring husiness and enterprise to the agenda for the Scottish parliament ... for me that is the priority."

More than one MP - including devolution opponent and Labour member Tam Dalyell has suggested that Mr Macdonald's appointment was a reward for his support for devolution in last summer's ref-

There was some speculation that Mr Macdonald will get another ministerial post once the Scottish assembly is operating.

Shadow constitutional affairs spokesman Dr Liam Fox has written to Lord Neill asking his committee to look at the issue, adding: "I would also urge you to inquire into what future rewards, if any, the Government is planning to give Mr Macdonald for taking on the job at the Scottish Office."

Lord Neill's committee does not become involved in indi-

Leading article. Review, page 3 | tee said.



Robin Cook and Clare Short, seen here examining a report on buman rights, are criticised for their handling of the Montserrat crisis

Relief to volcano-hit Montserrat showed 'bungling incompetence'

THE GOVERNMENT'S confused By Paul Waugh handling of the crisis in volcanohit Montserrat stemmed from a Whitehall turf war that con-

yesterday. Both Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and International Development Secretary Clare Short have shown a "lack of political will" in failing to improve relations between their officials in the wake of the emergency, the all-party Commons

"Unnecessary tensions" between the Foreign Office and the Department for International Development (DfID) had dogged efforts to provide effective emergency relief to the Caribbean island, the commit-

Committee concluded.

Political Correspondent

In a withering report on the tinues even now, MPs claimed Government's response to criticism of its reaction to the disaster, the committee stated the two departments suffered from

a crucial lack of coordination. The crisis had shown up the rivalry between the key parts of Whitehall, MPs said. We conclude that the Government has failed to address International Development

the main organisational weakness identified in our previous report. There will always be unnecessary tensions and inefficiencies if DfID money is used to fund FCO political priorities," the report states. Experience over Montser-

rat suggests that when difficult decisions have to be taken

partmental cooperation is shows we cannot tell who is in

placed under severe strain." The committee attacked the Government's decision to ignore its earlier recommendations on improving its relationship with the Montserratian population.

It had urged the Foreign Office to take a more active role in explaining policy to Montserratians and the creation of a single Whitehall department for all dependent territories. Neither move has been taken up.

development spokesman Gary Streeter said it was time the Montserrat and UK public were told exactly who was responsible for the "bumbling incompetence" that had characterised the Government's handling of the crisis.

The publication of this report pence per head spent on India. charge of the Department of International Development. Is it

will take responsibility for the Montserrat shambles?" he said. A DfID spokeswoman denied the two departments had failed to work closely together in recent months to manage aid to

Robin Cook or Clare Short who

the island. The committee also claimed that while the UK had a duty to the people of the island, it was clear the £75 million pledged by the UK had distorted the International Development de-

partment's aid budget. The spending meant that more than £25,000 was being invested for every Montserratian, a figure that compared "starkly and unfavourably" with the 11

The Government had failed to adequately investigate the building of an airport for the is-

land to help future evacuations

and boost trade, the MPs said. They also called on ministers to make a greater effort to restore insurance cover to Montserrat, a move that has been rejected by the Government because it feels it is inappropriate to underwrite insurance on damages relating to natural disasters.

The DfID should produce a realistic Sustainable Development Plan for the island.

We would value evidence from the department that there is a realistic possibility of Montserrat escaping dependency on UK development assistance," the report stated.

Young on New Deal face dole

By Fran Abrams

YOUNG UNEMPLOYED peuple given places on the Government's New Deal programme risk facing a "revolving door" which could put them back on the dolc at the end of six months, a committee of MPs said yesterday.

The Education and Employment Committee said the first results of the programme for 18- to 24-year-olds were "very encouraging", but warned that not enough attention had been paid to what

happened to them afterwards.

Retention rates will have to be high if the New Deal is to avoid becoming the 'revolving door' which is familiar to participants on so many previous schemes ... We are disturbed by the apparent lack of attention and guidance from the Employment Service on retention strategies," the com-

"Careful matching of participants to jobs, accompanied by development of the employee to fulfil the requirements of the joh, will help to safeguard the long-term posi-

tion of New Deal employees." The committee looked at the scheme in 12 pilot areas, though it has been running on

a national basis since April. The report also highlighted fears about the prospects for young hiack people at the end of their subsidy period, and refers to warnings that they could end up rotating between low-skilled jobs.

The Government should survey the level of unregistered unemployment among young people, particularly people, the report said.

Young people showed enthusiasm for the scheme, as did Employment Service staff, Personal advisers who offered support to each young person on the scheme had also been wide-The scheme had belped the

Employment Service to make links with large numbers of new employers.

The latest government figures show that so far 92,500 unemployed young people have

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Labour will meet to choose Prime Minister for Wales

WALES LABOUR party executives last night agreed to hold a special one-day conference to choose its leader of the Welsh

The move means Welsh Secretary Ron Davies will almost certainly become First Secretary of the devolved body when the 60-member assembly is elected for the first time next

Scottish Labour members will hold their conference on the same day - September 19 - in what is already being billed as a " Double Coronation" to confirm Mr Davies and his Scottish counterpart Donald Dewar as leaders of the Welsh Assembly and Scottish Parliament.

The decision by Welsh party cians as undemocratic.

officials to hold an electoral college instead of the "one member one vote" system has been attacked by opposition politi-Mr Davies has signalled his

BY BRENDAN BERRY

support for a special conference to avoid internal wrangling and put a leader in place well in advance of Labour's campaigning in the Assembly elections.

His likely leadership oppo-nent, Labour's Cardiff West MP Rhodri Morgan, wanted the issue put to every party member in Wales - a view shared by many of his supporters.

Instead, the Wales executive meeting in Cardiff "overwhelmingly" endorsed a recommendation by a party "taskforce" committee to hold an electoral college comprising of blocks of votes. Constituen cy parties, trade unions, MPs, MEPS and the selected panel of National Assembly candidates will be represented.

Earlier, Plaid Cymru leader Dafydd Wigley MP suggested that his party was ready to



year's assembly elections. Mr Wigley signalled that Labour support was likely to slip over the next few months as Britain's economic problems increased.

"If Lahour were three to majority they would look to the

Ron Davies: Likely choice

consider a coalition after next

four seats short of an overall

Liberal Democrats as their natural partners (in the assembly)," be said. "If there was still not enough support for a governing coalition, we would have the responsibility to see whether we could cooperate on an agreed programme."

But the Plaid Cymru leader stopped short of demanding a referendum on independence for Wales as the price for any support in the new assembly.

We don't go into the assembly to use it as a springboard for independence. That is not what we are about or what Wales is ready to accept." he said.

He later stressed that his party's first option was to be the largest party in the new assembly, and if possible, win an overall majority.

Mr Morgan is confident Labour will win an outright majority in the assembly.

Inspections to be combined

MOVES TO combine inspec- BY BEN RUSSELL tions of education authorities Education Correspondent and social services were announced by the Government Ministers hope the joint

inspections will help the most vulnerable children. The first inspection by the Office for Standards in Educahion and the Social Services In-

spectorate will take place in Northumberland next year. Estelle Morris, school stanscheme recognises the links which exist between the services provided by local authorities. By bringing together

on authorities preparing for separate inspections." Denise Platt, chief inspector of the Social Services Inspec-pelled from school.

these arrangements, I believe

we can help reduce the burden

torate, said: "It is essential that education and social services departments work closely. Simultaneous reviews will help us find out if this is happening, and to identify whether there are key lessons to be learned about effective corporate management "

Officials say the new joint arrangements will not extend dards minister, said: "The pilot inspectors' remits, but will simplify the process. When they visit local authorities social services inspectors need access to much of the same information as Ofsted inspectors.

The two services also overlap in areas like special schools and some work with children who are sick or have been ex-

THE HOUSE

Hague shuffles his team

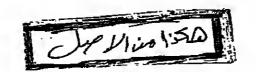
THE CONSERVATIVE leader, William Hague, has had a mini-reshuffle following the surprise departure of Michael Jack from his shadow cabinet. Richard Ottaway, Croydon North, moves to local government and party vice-chairman, and Simon Burns, Chelmsford W. moves from social security to environment. Eric Pickles, Brentwood and Ongar, takes Mr Burns's former post.

MPs to get fit for office

FOOTBALL-MAD MPs are set to limber up for the new parliamentary session with a series of fitness tests. The parliamentary soccer team, captained by Bi adford South MP Gerry Sutcliffe, will go to the Lilleshall National Sports Centre in September to undertake a series of tests said to be identical to those used by Premier League and Football League clubs.

'Cut interest to stop recession'

INTEREST RATES must be cut to save the manufacturing sector from recession, the Conservative leader, William Hague, said last night. In a speech to businessmen in Swansea, Mr Hague blamed the government for driving the rates up lut said the spotlight would now fall on the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, which meets tomorrow.



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Young on New 'August set to be a wickedly hot month

IT MAY seem premature to start worrying about getting sweaty. But a new index launched by weather forecasters this week will tell Britons exactly how hot and sticky they

As Summer makes a belated appearance in most parts of the country the Met Office has introduced a new "comfort index" to inform the public on the combined effect of high temperatures and humidity.

The system involves meteorological terms which the Met Office hopes will roll off the tongue as easily as "prevailing wind" and "scattered show-

The four categories are Slightly Uncomfortable, Moderately Uncomfortable, Very Uncomfortable and Extremely Uncomfortable.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the Met Office said that it expects the index to be adapted by broadcasters to suit their own

Andy Yeatman, a Met Office spokesman, said yesterday: The index looks at humidity and temperature and comes up with a way of identifying which days a lot of people are going to find uncomfortable. The public have been asking us for a long time to come up with something for days when it becomes hot and sticky. It's more of a 'discomfort index' than a comfort index'.

"This sort of thing has been used in a lot of countries but obviously isn't going to be used here as much as it is in places like the southern states of America.

"The guidance we are giving is related to terminology. It will be up to individual broadcasting outlets to come up with their own terms. It will have to be something that evolves." According to the Met Office

there are indications that the sunny weather could continue for the rest of the month, "August should be hetter

than June or July, particularly in the South, Parts of England and Wales should be drier and sunnier than recently," said Mr Yeatman. "I think it is going a bit of rain."



Thankful sun worshippers pack Bournemouth beach in Dorset yesterday as Summer made its late appearance

Rob Bunn, forecaster for PA

the first good spell this summer.

It looks as if we will see some

higher temperatures and some

sunsbine as well."

WHAT IS A COMFORT ZONE?

The following formula, the Temperature-Humidity Index (THI), is used to calculate the comfort factor. THI = 0.4 (T+Tw) + 4.8 (in °C)

(T=dry bulb temperature, Tw =wet bulb temperature)

to get hot in the next few days. By Saturday we will be looking

at temperatures in the 80s. "Unfortunately people in the north are going to get cloud and

The possibility of a prolonged period of sunshine has given renewed bope to butchers who have been lamenting the adverse effect of the weather on the barbecue season.

Graham Heasman, director of Dewhurst, the butcher's chain, said yesterday: "The summer is still to come to Great Britain and we are con-WeatherCentre, said: "It will be fident that August and September will be glorious." Mr Heasman said his chain

tures rose to 25C (77F) in London yesterday with even hotter conditions expected over the weekend. According to forecasters it

zlers" campaign, Tempera-

could reach 86F (30C) in the South later in the week. Motoring organisations have warned that roads to the coast

will become congested as people flock to Britain's beaches. A spokesman for the AA said: "So far many people seem to have stayed away from the had extended its "Summer Siz-

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weather but I expect many will want to enjoy the sunshine if it remains over the weekend." The outlook for northern

beach because of the bad

areas and Scotland is less favourable with cooler temperatures and some showers predicted.

A spokesman for the PA WeatherCentre said: "Weather will be more unsettled in the North, but it will still be considerably better than it bas been over recent weeks."

Hottest since 1000AD Britain basks in warmest East heading for driest July in a decade weekend **Wet a rotten summe** YOLDEST gloom Scientists say 1998 will JUNE TIP will last

How the media told the tales of meteorology

be century's hottest year and have

Best records since weather began

THIS YEAR, we had the wettest BY BILL HARTSTON April since records began. Last August was the second hottest in history, but 1997 gave us the wettest summer since 1985. Average temperatures in Britain last year were the third warmest on record, and this January and February were the warmest and wettest first two months of the year in the United States since records began. The northern climate in the 1990s has been warmer on average than at any time since the Middle Ages, and last week saw the cloudiest Thursday in Basingstoke since

McCaskill retired. I made up the last one, but all the rest come from reliable sources and they raise two important questions: are we genuinely experiencing a remarkable spate of record-

breaking weather, and if we are, is it a sign of an irrevocable change in the earth's climate?

"It's a bit like athletics, isn't it?" said the man at the Met Office, "With the weather, there are so many records that can be broken, It's not so surprising."

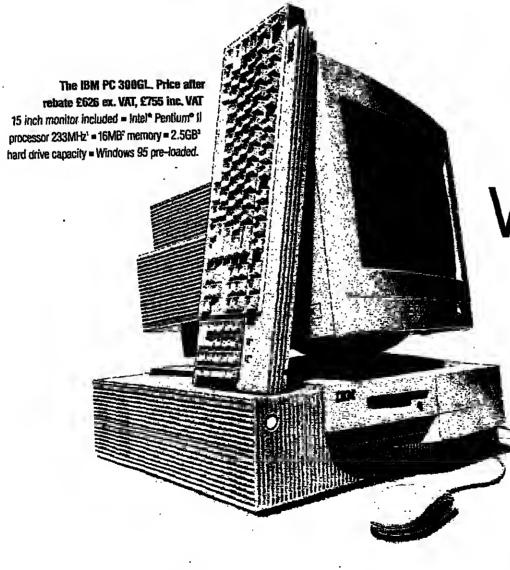
With heightened interest in the weather and greater speed of data processing, meteorologists have been able to supply an increasingly hungry press and public with weather stories. It wasn't the warmest January ever in the US, nor the

wettest February, but himp the figures together and you get the warmest and wettest opening two months of the year, and another record tumbles. A few years ago, only absolute records - hottest ever or rainiest since records began - would make the national press. Now we regularly see "warmest for 10 years" stories reported as

though they were significant. But it is getting warmer. The first six months of 1998 were, across the world, the warmest since reliable records began in 1860, Looking back further, however, there is strong evidence that it has been getting warmer since the late 17th century when the Little Ice Age began to abate.

According to the Met Office's records of average temperatures in central England since 1659, 10 of the 20 coldest years on record happened in the last quarter of the 17th century. On the other hand, 1686 was warmer than 1992, so the general warming over the past 300 years is no guarantee of good weather.

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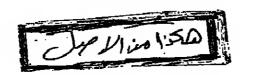


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Serbs drive 30,000 from homes Vaclav Havel's

By KATHERINE BUTLER

INTERNATIONAL AID agencies are struggling to reach tens of thousands of refugees camped in the woods of Kosovo province, after Serb attacks forced them to flee their villages.

Fighting blocked plans by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to send an aid convoy for ethnic Albanians near Malisevo, a former stronghold of the secessionist Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), where thousands of refugees had sought shelter.

Serbian security forces kept up their operations against ethnic Albanians yesterday, ignoring warnings of a humanitarian catastrophe. With almost 200,000 civilians displaced since the start of the conflict five months ago aid workers fear disaster if cholera breaks out. That is now a serious risk in the searing heat which the region is experiencing.

Clouds of smoke mushroomed from ethnic Albanian villages in the Lausa valley, apparently seized by Serbian security forces in a relentless advance against separatist rebels. Hundreds of ethnic Albanians were reported to have fled their homes after coming under Serbian artillery fire.

Some of the dazed refugees, mainly women and children packed into ramshackle wagons pulled by tractors or horses, said they had seen Serb troops tossing explosives into homes and fields to set them ablaze.

Others said Serbian forces were also trying to burn some of the thick forests carpeting central Kosovo's rolling highlands - possibly to flush out KLA rebels driven off main roads by Belgrade's hlitz.

Some refugees said they had stopped to rest in the shelter of the woods after escaping from bombarded villages, but had to move on when shells crashed near them and fires broke out in the blistering August heat.

One UN agency said the Serbian attacks were depopu-



Ethnic Albanian refugees heading for Orahovac yesterday. Aid agencies were struggling to reach tens of thousands of refugees camped in the Kosovo woods

lating the province. Another more than doubled - to 70,000 - its estimate of the number of people displaced by fighting over the past week. The continued violence blocked efforts to get aid through to Malisevo where many refugees had sought shelter in the woods

after the attacks of recent days. "We cannot go into a battlefield," said Kris Janowski, of the UNHCR, who compared the

situation in Kosovo to what hap-

pened in 1992 in Bosnia, when the area had been shelled by to return to their homes in the capital Pristina. It was fortified for the crisis which could be Serb forces embarked on a policy of trying to empty villages of their non-Serb populations.

Kosovo Albanians out of Kosovo that would be total lunacy." From the centre of Donje

Prekaze, a village controlled by KLA fighters and under sniper fire from Serbian forces, huge plumes of smoke could be seen along the skyline near neighbouring Lausa. Guerrillas said Serbian forces during the previous 18 hours.

The UNHCR has said the of-"If this is an attempt to drive fensive leading up to the weekend fighting displaced as many as 30,000 people, taking the total number of refugees and displaced persons to 180,000 since February,

Chris Hill, a United States envoy, said Kosovo was on the "edge of a humanitarian catastrophe if refugees were unable

next week or two. "We have an extremely serious situation here. There have been tens of thousands of displaced people in recent weeks and the latest

caused even more people to flee from their homes." The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported that "terrorists" - its term for the KLA - had been "neutralised"

at Lausa, west of the provincial

Pakistan Mr Blair telephoned

offensive against the KLA has

and roads leading to it mined, Tanjug said. The new drive by Serbian

forces, which started on Sunday, comes despite a pledge by the Yugoslav President, Slobodan Milosevic, that a fierce offensive launched late in July was over. Western powers have since the weekend been stepping up the pressure on Serbia to halt its offensive, with the US warning that Nato was fine-tuning plans ready "very, very quickly".

However, there is no sign of a political consensus on how to respond to the crisis with European members of the Nato alliance demonstrably more cautious than the Americans.

Fearing a mass exodus of refugees, the European Union and the US have both demanded that Mr Milosevic stick to his promise to end the offensive against the separatists.

illness worsens

BY ADAM LEBOR in Budapest

THE CONDITION of the Czech President, Vaclav Havel, appeared to be deteriorating vesterday as he developed an irregular heartbeat and

Doctors were issuing regular bulletins on the health of the former dissident playwright turned politician as he hovered in and out of consciousness.

"I feared for him all night and this morning too, but now it seems to me he's doing better." said his wife. Dagmar, after she left his bedside at Prague's

military hospital.

President Havel, who for many is a living symbol of the moral victory won in Eastern Europe by the collapse of Communism in 1989, has been ill since the winter of 1996. Formerly a chain smoker, he

has been hospitalised five times since December 1996 when doctors removed a third of his lung and a tumour. The President's spokesman,

Martin Krafl, said that the medical situation "is being worked on intensively". Mr Havel has been in inten-

sive care since he had surgery on 26 July, after being operated on for intestinal problems, when his lungs collapsed and doctors put him on a respirator, Last month he appointed

the first left-wing government in the Czech Republic since the Communists were ousted in the Velvet Revolution during the winter of 1989.

Power is now divided between the Social Democrats. led by the Prime Minister. Milos Zeman, and his predecessor, Vaclay Klaus, of the centre-



right Civic Democratic Party. Although Mr Zeman and Mr Klaus are divided by ideology, their common hunger for power has brought them together in a marriage of convenience, to the disgust of many voters who are disillusioned with the widespread corruption that was allowed to flourish under the government of Mr

Klaus, an arch-privatiser. Both Mr Klaus and Mr Zeman are keen to curtail the power of the presidential office. but have been restrained by Mr Havel's moral stature as a former dissident, and the interna-

transition from totalitarianism to democracy.

Blair visit to India and Pakistan on the cards

A CONTROVERSIAL visit to By Jason Burke India and Pakistan by Prime in Lahore, Pakistan Minister Tony Blair - with the hitter dispute between the two countries over Kashmir possibly on the agenda - should happen as soon as politically

possible, according to Foreign Office sources. The FO is understood to have approached the High Commissions in both countries asking when a suitable time for the visit might be. Diplomats are believed to have advised the Prime Minister's staff that the earliest possible time would

be around New Year. Any visit would be deeply controversial Last year during the Queen's visit to the sub-continent, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary caused a political storm when it was suggested he had offered to mediate over the Kashmir dispute.

Kashmir is India's only Muslim majority state and has been the cause of tension between the two countries since Partition in 1947.

India currently holds two thirds of the Himalayan state

and is adamantly opposed to any mediation and, according to analysts, keen to maintain the status quo. Pakistan, though, would welcome outside inter-

For six days the two nations have been waging a fierce artillery duel along the "line of control" which splits Kashmir into Pakistan-held and Indianheld zones, although yesterday the firing appeared to have

The two countries have gone to war twice over the former kingdom. There are fears that the dispute could provoke a third, possibly nuclear, conflict. In the most recent firing

more than 90 people, mainly civilians, have been killed and hundreds more injured. Sustained firing by both Indian and Pakistani heavy artillery and mortars at both civilian and military targets has forced thousands of villagers on both sides of the border to flee their homes. Last night they re-



Indian gunners shell Pakistani-held areas of Kashmir

mained in make-shift accommodation waiting to return to

their homes. Mr Blair is known to want to reduce tensions between the two nations, although it is unclear whether any visit would involve diplomatic initiatives. Even the most uncontroversial visit to south Asia would be extremely well received by the

large Indian and Pakistani com-

munities in the UK However, earlier this week Foreign Office minister Derek Fatchett went out of his way to call on Indian and Pakistani leaders to enter into dialogue, and Mr Blair is, according to diplomatic sources, keen to kick start talks.

The sources revealed that in

tainly be first choice for the Pakistanis in any mediation." one diplomatic source said. "Not least because we were involved

ticularly over Kashmir.

in the whole mess at the start." He added that any visit, however, would be impossible for several months. "With the nuclear tests, anything in the next three months is politically impossible and it takes at

tour like that." A spokesman for the British High Commission in Islamabad said he was unaware of any plans for a visit. Contact by telephone or letter would be

more likely, he said. Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister of Pakistan, and Atal Vaipayee, the Indian prime minister, met for the first time since the nuclear tests at the annual conference of the South

the immediate aftermath of al Co-operation (SAARC) in nuclear tests by both India and Sri Lanka last month. The dialogue between the

urge them into dialogue, partive, however, and the talks collapsed acrimoniously. The Indians said that the Pakistani "Britain would almost cergovernment was being neurotic' about Kashmir, although last night Vajpayee told parliament that he was interested in talking about peace.

Earlier this week the Indian newspapers said that the recent border clashes had been provoked to keep the issue alive in the minds of the international community. Politicians in Islamabad

least three months to set up a have a genuine, and often voiced, fear that Vajpayee's newly elected Hindu nationalist government is committed to taking Pakistan-held territory by force and regularly accuse Delhi of deliberately raising

There have heen regular clashes throughout the summer along the border between the two countries although the recent fighting is the most in-Asian Association for Region-

The guerrillas, trained by extremist Islamic groups in Pakistan with the tacit support of the government, regularly

The artillery duels are often

started by the Indians following

attacks on their security forces

cross the border to attack Indian troops and, the Indians allege, Hindu civilians. Yesterday Indian authorities claimed that the militants were responsible for two further attacks. Eighteen people were killed in a village in Poonch district and seven

central Srinagar. The groups, members of which were responsible for kidnapping Western hostages several years ago, are often recruited from experienced fighters who have fought in Algeria and Afghanistan.

wounded in a grenade attack in

Pakistani authorities deny their involvement in what the Indians call "warfare by proxy" and claim that Indian commandos regularly cross into their territory to plant bombs and attack civilians.

tional respect he commands. Czechs see their President as the designer of the Velvet Revolution, when the Communists peacefully handed over power after mass demonstrations, and as the man who steered the country through the

IN BRIEF

Berlin rescuers dig to find boy RESCUE WORKERS dug layer by layer through the rubble

of a Berlin apartment building yesterday searching for a 13-year-old boy and up to five adults buried by a suspected gas explosion. The blast came at 6am in the western Forest-fire crisis near Athens

AUTHORITIES DECLARED a state of emergency in areas near Athens as more than 1,000 firefighters and soldiers

battled a forest fire for a second day. Evidence suggested the blaze could be the work of arsonists, officials said. Forty die in Marxist attacks IN COLOMBIA, Marxist rebels unleashed a wave of attacks overnight on Monday just before the new president takes office, leaving at least 40 people dead and scores wounded. authorities said. Two rebel groups - FARC and the

an anti-narcotics base and blocking highways. 'Free Willy' star to go home

ELN - were responsible, said the army, wrecking oil

installations, attacking the country's main port, blasting

KEIKO, THE killer-whale star of Free Willy, will be airlifted back to Iceland on 9 September. The move is the next step in a plan to determine whether the long captive whale can be trained to fend for himself in the North Atlantic

KEN LIVINGSTONE

The key problem for Labour is that by strengthening regional and city identities each area will start to fight for resources'

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Tutsis turn on Kabila

TROOPS LOYAL to President Laurent Kabila battled with rebellious Tutsi fighters vesterday at opposite ends of the country in an uprising aimed at toppling the president's 14month-old regime.

Gunfire was reported in the eastern town of Bukavu near the border with Rwanda, said aid workers based there. A provincial official said that the rebels were in control of the town, although some reports indicated fighting there contin-

Benyamulenge Tutsis and Rwandan soldiers led the uprising against Kabila, accusing him of widespread corruption and government mismanage-

In the southwestern village of Kitona, where rebel gunmen forced a hijacked private airplane to land, fighting was reported at the town's main military base, a government spokesman said

control of the base in Kitona, but President Kabila has vowed to Crush the uprising and called on his supporters for help. "Be assured we will take weapons to swiftly end this re-

It was unclear who was in

BY KAMANGA MUTOND in Kinshasa, Congo

bellion," Cabinet minister Pierre Victor Mpoyo said on state radio, quoting Mr Kabila The vice governor of South Kivu province, Benjamin Serukiza, said the Tutsi rebels had taken control of much of the

its airport. "At the moment a large portion of the province is under the control of the army which is hostile to Kabila's regime," Mr Serukiza said.

province, including Bukavu and

Kivu region is divided into three provinces, including North Kivu, South Kivu and

In the city of Goma, gunmen hijacked a private airplane and ordered the pilot to fly to the military base in Kitona near the Atlantic coastline on the opposite side of the country, said Mr Kabila's spokesman Yerodia Abdoulave Ndombasi. The hijacking was led by Banyamulenge ethnic fighters.

The Congolese airplane owned by the private airline CAL touched down in Kitona about 140 miles southwest of Kinshasa, said Mr Ndombasi. ers and Banyamulenge Tutsis streets began to fill again.



Laurent Kabila: Vowed to crush the rebellion

Mr Kabila convened an emergency cabinet meeting yesterday to discuss the government's response to the rebellion in the east and to earlier gun battles in two military barracks in the capital.

"The government asks Congo's neighbours not to make the wrong decisions to fight," Mr Mpoyo said in a radio broadcast following the meeting. The comment was aimed directly at neighbouring Rwanda, which Mr Kabila believes is behind the movement against his leadership. Rwandan fight- turn to normal as abandoned

played a key role in helping Mr Kabila march to victory last year over longtime dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. Those same fighters today, however, appear to be moving to get rid of Mr Ka-A delicate ethnic and military alliance that helped thrust Mr

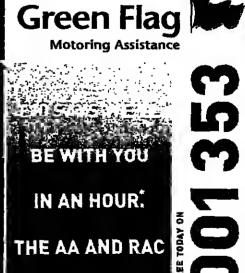
Kabila - a one-time obscure

Marxist rebel - into power 14

months ago is now unraveling. Rwandan chief of staff General Kayumba Nyamwasa denied Rwanda was involved in the mutiny, hut warned that the rebellion included some of the best soldiers in Mr Kabila's

Congo's Justice Minister Mwenze Kongolo said the government was preparing an armed response to the rebellion in Kivu region. The ethnic Tutsi population in the area has close links with Rwanda, while Mr Kabila's support and control of the region has faltered for months.

In the capital loyal troops continued to patrol city streets and man roadblocks. A dusk-todawn curfew was still in effect, but life in the city began to re-



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Re Clinton blow as lawyers told to testify

PRESIDENT BILL Clintoo suffered yet another legal setback yesterday when the chief justice of the Supreme Court ruled that two key White House lawyers must testify in the Monica Lewinsky case. The White House had petitioned Chief Justice William Rehnquist the previous evening in a last ditch attempt to block the subpoenas requiring the two men - the deputy White House counsel, Bruce Lindsey, and Lanny Breuer, special counsel to appear before the grand jury

The White House hoped to have the subpoenas suspended until the Supreme Court had met to consider the merits of its appeal. With the Supreme Court in recess, this would delay their testimooy until October at the earliest. The White House has argued on Mr Lindsey's behalf that any requiremeet for him to testify would violate lawyer-client confideotiality. The appeal court, however, upheld a lower court judgment that cooversations between the President and Mr Lindsey, an administration employee paid by the taxpayer, were oot covered hy lawyer-

whether Secret Service agents should be obliged to testify in a case involving the President, and the arguments of principle may yet be tested at the Supreme Court when it recoovenes in the autumn. The White House insists that its chief interest is to clarify the legal position of the President in relation to White House secu rity officers and lawyers, not to protect the President

Following Mr Rehnquist's 11th-hour ruling yesterday, however, the White House moved to comply with the subpoenas. Mr Breuer turned up at the Washingtoo District operation in the Lewinsky case. courthouse within the hour, illustrating that White House policy is - as before - to fight. hut not ultimately to defy, the courts. Mr Lindsey's testimony is likely to be delayed for at least a week because he has only just been discharged from hospital after back surgery.

Both Mr Lindsey and Mr Breuer are potentially important witnesses. Mr Lindsey is a ersonal frieod of Mr Clinton The legal tussle resembled from his years in Arkansas and of a minor criminal charge



President Clinton heads for the Oval Office as the White House decides to continue the legal fight to block testimony in the Monica Lewinsky affair AP/Greg Gibson

side as the crisis over the Presideot's relatiooship with Ms Lewinsky has played out. Mr Breuer has a lower profile, but is just as intimately associated with the investigation, as head of the White House damage control

One aspect that he could be called upon to clarify is how the Pentagoo came to release details of an FBI file on Linda Tripp, the woman who triggered the investigation by passing secretly recorded tapes to the office of the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr. Shortly after Ms Tripp's move became public, a journalist for the New Yorker magazine obthat between the White House has frequently been seen at his against Ms Tripp in her youth,

a charge that was subsequently dismissed. Ms Tripp had not declared the incident on her Pentagoo application, and could have been sacked for non-dis-

While the current phase of with Mr Clintoo's relationship with Ms Lewinsky - whether he lied about it under oath and prevailed upon her to lie about it it is part of a broader criminal investigation which also includes the affair known as Filegate. This relates to how the White House obtained and used hundreds of confidential files obtained from the FBI early in Mr Clinton's presidency. The White House insists that the files were transferred by mis-

Meanwhile there was still no word on the likely timing of two crucial stages in the Lewinsky investigation: when Ms Lewinsky herself would be called to testify, and when the scientific tests oo "that dress" - a dark Mr Starr's investigation deals hlue dress belonging to Ms Lewinsky allegedly stained with semeo – would be complete.

The prosecutor's office made known, however, that strict security was in force to prevent the test results being leaked to the media: the findings are to be cooveyed direct to Mr Starr's office. Uoconfirmed reports said that the dress could also be tested by an outsidel DNA laboratory, to confirm any FBI conclusions.

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WORLD CRISES TAKE A BACK SEAT

PRESIDENT CLINTON has set aside time each day between oow and 17 August to prepare for his appearance before the grand jury in the Monica Lewinsky case, the White

House disclosed yesterday. This is the first time that the White House has admitted publicly the exteot to which the Lewinsky affair is affecting official presidential business, and it comes at a very awkward time for the

US Administration. At home, Mr Clinton's

attorney general, Janet in which US husiness Reno, is under mounting interests are pressing for pressure from Congress and the FBI to commission a criminal investigation

Party fund-raising. Abroad, there are no fewer than three major international crises in the offing where the US would want to project its leadership. These are the fighting and refugee flight in Kosovo, the breakdown of weapons talks with Iraq, and the global impact of

into suspect Democratic

While opinion polls find

repeatedly that Americans are uninterested in and unworried about the Presideot's relationship with Ms Lewinsky, television ratings and grass roots observatioo tell a different story:

Talk in the corridors at this week's annual meeting of state governors in Milwaukee is said to be only about the President and Ms Lewinsky.

Yangtze sweeps away soldiers battling floods

By Teresa Poole in Peking

AN UNKNOWN oumber of soldiers are reported to have been on a water-logged dyke which suddenly collapsed in Hubei province, the worst hreach in the flood defences so far reported in China's flood crisis.

Conflicting details of what happened in Jiayu county on Saturday emerged yesterday, with one unconfirmed Chinese newspaper report saying that 400 soldiers were swept away when the dyke gave way, trapping 50,000 local resideots. No death toll was giveo, hut a Hong Kong human rights group said that nine bodies had been retrieved.

The devastation caused by record water levels on the Yangtze - the highest in 44 years - shows no sign of abating. Two days of rains in the higher reaches have created another flood crest which is moving downstream, and typhoon Otto is approaching China's eastern shores. The official Xinhua news agency said the Yangtze was threatening to hurst its embankments in 3.200 places, and 1,800 of these possible breaches were "major". Accurate information on



Hunan province vesterday

specific situations is hard to an ABC television crew from the come by. The Yangcheng United States was detained in

Evening News report about Jiayu, a rural area about 40 miles from Wuhan city, received oo mention oo the main state televisioo oews last night, which instead devoted several reports to showing how Communist Party members, the police, the army and the air force were battling against the floods.
It has also been some days

since the Chinese government updated the flood-death figures. Most foreign journalists have been refused permission to travel to the region, and last week

the city of Wuhan for trying to report on the flood situation. The situation in Jiavu county may be clarified in the cext few days. In Hong Kong, the Information Centre of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China said 150 soldiers and an unknown oumber of villagers were swept away and large oumbers of people were

still missing.
It was oot until yesterday
that the China Daily reported that a section of the dyke at city. The resulting flood damag Dongting Lake, Hunan pro-

vince, had hroken nine days earlier, flooding the homes of more than 100,000 villagers in Amiang. "They are stranded oo the dyke without adequate food and drinking water, and can do oothing hut pray," said the newspaper. It added that medical stations have been set up in the battle to stop epidemics breaking out.

Representatives from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies have visited the Dongting area and estimated that up to 300,000 people were living in plastic and amboo tents on the dykes. Where people have been for a long time there was a lot of despair and resignation," said Arne Jacobson. Some farmers have been camped out for six weeks.

So far the major dykes along the Yangtze have been holding. hut secondary levees are starting to prove vulnerable. Antiflood officials are having to make difficult decisions to abandoo certain smaller dykes. allowing them to hreach in order to take the pressure off industrial centres. The Hubei authorities, for instance, gave up oo 11 small dykes to divert floodwaters to protect Wuhan was estimated at £30m.

The sex-mad town that Texas wants to abolish other sex establishmeots. The BY DAVID USBORNE

in Buford, Texas

ROLL INTO Buford, a town that straddles the Interstate 10, about 40 miles east of El Paso in the Texas desert and there is oo mistaking you have arrived. "NON-STOP BEAUTI-FUL LADIES" flickers ooe sign in garish red oeon, perched high on a giant pylon. "ADULT BOOKS" says another across the highway.

Most towns would announce themselves a little differently. Perhaps a ootice about church services, about the proud record of its high school sports teams, or information about a twinning with some village in Europe. Buford does oot bother with any of that. There is no school and the only church is a mobile one - a converted trailer parked in a petrol station courtesy of Truck-Stop Ministries Inc of Atlanta.

Buford, in other words, is a place long on carnal distractions, making it massively pop-ular with the hundreds of lorry drivers who pull in here every night, and very short indeed on civic niceties. For that, it may be about to pay a high price. If the fathers of the surrounding El Paso county have their way, Buford may be headed for the Texas history books. They want

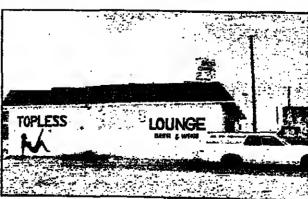
this dump gone.

Nobody is about to send in
the bulldozers (although the
landscape might beoefit from it). But, in its latest manoeuvre to impose its own tough ordi-nances on the fast-multiplying sex businesses here, the county is moving to have Buford declared oull and void. It can do so, it says, hecause even though Buford was incorporated as a city in 1962, it oever held elections to chose local officials as is required by law.

Notice of the town's threateoed extinctioo is in a copy of the writ from the El Paso district attorney's office oo a notice board inside Petro, higgest of Buford's petrol stations. The action is titled, "The State of Texas v the Unknown Pretend Mayor of the Purported City of Buford". It argues that since Buford has oever had any elected officials, it does not, in



The tacky welcome to Buford, Texas,



fact, exist. The writ concludes: "As the incorporation of the purported City of Buford appears to be void, the Unknown ford. Or, more accurately, bye Returned Buford officials are bye the Red Parrot, the Green subject to being removed from

is subject to being declared In other words, bye bye Bu-

Door, Sals [a shack described

battle over Buford began in March, when police raided the Green Door and the Red Parrot and arrested several workers. The owners were told they were in violation of El Paso county codes that forbid sex businesses from operating within 1,000 feet of homes, schools, churches and of each other. The owners said that, because Buford was incorporated as a city, the codes did oot apply to them.

Hence last week's county writ. The assistant county attorney, Edie Castello, said: "If the city of Buford is declared void, then we have every right to enforce the law in this area. If not, if we don't have the authority, it will be open season for strip clubs to open over there."

Doo Randall, the minister who holds services every Sunday morning for a handful of drivers in his lorry trailer, welcomes the initiative. It is oot just the sex shops, he says, hut the spread of prostitution in the parking lots. "A lot them set it up with the ladies on their CB radios before they get here," he said. "We are surrounded by garbage.

In the sex shops the mood is defiant. "They don't want us around," growls Ernie, the manager of the Green Door that offers "California Style Private Booths" for movie viewing. "We declared a township and I don't know if they can just wipe us out. We are out of the way and hidden here, so I

doo't see we are doing harm.' The owners have hired a lawyer, Sergio Gonzalez, who says what the county is doing is itself illegal. He has put up a case that for the city to be deincorporated, approval would first have to be granted by 51 per cent of its 50-odd permanent residents in a fown referendum.

There is one other possible course of action for Buford - to do what it was supposed to do 36 years ago and actually hold those elections before the county can enforce its writ. But who, one might ask, would want to be mayor of a place by one resident as a "rickety such as this? Ernie for mayor? titty bar"] and the five or six Not even he is interested.

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Beaten gendarme comes out of coma

DANIEL NIVEL, the gendarme beaten almost to death by German soccer hooligans during the World Cup, has recovered consciousness for the first time

Mr Nivel, 43, still has extreme difficulty in speaking and remains partly-paralysed on his right side. But he has emerged from his coma, is able to sit up in a chair for several hours a day and oo looger oeeds mechanical help with

his breathing. Doctors in Lille have been surprised and delighted by the strength of his recovery and say that he may leave hospital for a physical re-education ceotre in the oext few weeks. "No further oeurological

surgery is contemplated at pre-seot," a statement from the Lille regional hospital said yesterday. Mr Nivel, a section leader in a gendarmerie flying squad, was attacked by 20 German ultra-right wing thugs be-fore the Germany-Yugoslavia game in Lens oo 21 June.

According to a re-creation of the incideot published this week by the German magazine Der Spiegel, he was initially struck oo the head by a metal advertising panel. He was then kicked in the chest and repeatedly beaten over the head with his own tear-gas grenade

their offices, and the franchise

of the purported City of Buford

Shaken UN envoy leaves Baghdad

A RENEWED crisis in relations between Iraq and the United Nations appeared imminent yesterday after the sudden colapse of talks between the two sides in Baghdad on the elimination of Iraq's weapons of

mass destruction. Richard Butler, the Australian diplomat who is in charge of the destruction of of the talks is Iraq's insistence

By PATRICK COCKBURN m Baghdad

ons, abandoned his three-day visit to Baghdad early yesterday after two acrimonious meetings with Iraqi leaders. He is expected to address the UN Security Council tomorrow.

The cause of the breakdown Iraq's non-conventional weap- that it has eliminated all its

biological, chemical and nu- destruction Mr Aziz said that Iraq Despite strenuous diplo- Mr Butler looked shaken when tests in an American lab-clear weapons as well as the the team had not found any matic efforts they were unable after his last meeting with Mr oratory of missile warhead means to manufacture and deliver them. This is flatly contradicted by Mr Butler.

Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi deputy prime minister, ended his meeting with Mr Butler by accusing as Iraq has weapons of mass

evidence that Iraq had non- to rally to their side the Arab conventional weapons, despite close monitoring and repeated searches of Iraqi facilities over

In the last crisis with Iraq, in him and his team of wanting at February, the United States all costs to maintain sanctions and Britain found limited supwhich will not be lifted so long port in the Security Council for frontation with the UN in order taking military action against

states who fought against Iraq in the Gulf war.

Iraq felt it had succeeded in breaking out of its political isolation, but sanctions have continued Baghdad appears determined to risk another conto get sanctions finally lifted.

Aziz and other Iraqi leaders in the Foreign Ministry in Baghdad. He cancelled a morning press conference yesterday, saying "my duty is to report what has happened to the Security Council and I will

leave for New York today". The Iraqi case was somewhat damaged in the summer

fragments collected by Mr Butler's team showed traces of VX nerve gas.

Iraq demanded fresh tests in

tries and these are currently being carried out in France and Switzerland. Although another crisis be-

laboratories in neutral coun-

tween the UN and Iraq over

sanctions was always likely, it had been expected to come in October, when Mr Butler presents his six-monthly report on Irag's compliance with the Gulf war ceasefire resolutions on

non-conventional weapons. Mr Butler's decision to return to New York yesterday shows that the confrontation will come more immediately:

A lesson in how not to control Iraq

THE LETTERS on the crumbling white stone of her tomb in the little cemetery beside Iraq's Ministry of Industry are hard to decipher. When you pick them out they read Gertrude Bell. Bell was Oriental Secretary to the High Commission for Iraq, and the most famous British traveller and writer about the Arab world before TE Lawrence.

She died in Baghdad in 1926 from an overdose of sleeping tablets, though it was never clear if she took them accidentally or on purpose. She is, going by the number of biographies written about her, the one half-remembered representative of the British Mandate over Iraq - established following the defeat of Turkey in Mesopotamia in 1918, after four years of fighting in which the British army lost 100,000 men.

Not far away from Gertrude Bell's grave is a tombstone to Charles Cowley, whom the inscription says was killed on 26 April 1916, in an attempt by the steamer Julnar to force its way up the Tigris to relieve the British garrison besieged at Kut, In fact Cowley's end was a little pastier than the tombstone reveals and even more

Born in Baghdad, Cowley. along with his family, ran the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company. In the last days of the siege of Kut, one of the great British disasters of the First World War, he volumteered to use his knowledge of

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the shifting shoals of the Tigris to take the Julnar, a steamship protected with steel plating and loaded with 270 tons of supplies, to try to break through to Kut. This was doubly dangerous for him as the Turks considered him a renegade because of his

hawser across the river, which fouled the ship's propeller. The Julnar drifted towards the bank, where it was stormed by Turkish soldiers. The captain and most of the crew were killed. Cowley was taken prisoner and murdered on the riverbank. These casualties of Britain's

The Canat hotel, the UN headquarters in east Baghdad, plays a similar role to the old British High Commission. The UN agencies around the capital have extraordinary power. They largely control the oil-food plan under which Iraq can ex- whom few Iraqis had ever frastructure is collapsing This port some oil, but expenditure heard of, to be the country's year there are power cuts of six is controlled by the UN.

long residence in Baghdad.

The Julian got close to Kut,
but the Turks had stretched a

moment in Iraq have greater significance than mere Imperial nostalgia. The British hegemony in the wake of the First World War victory in many ways resembles the control exercised by the United Nations since the Gulf war. The bureaucracy administering the embargo on Iraq from New York controls the Iraq economy and the standard of living of every Iraqi.



An armoured steamer in Mesopotamia in 1916 similar to the Julnar' which tried, in vain, to relieve the British garrison besieged by the Turks at Kut

Food and Agriculture Organi- Baghdad and in Basra. sation has to hire Bulgarian pilots to fly ageing Polish-built helicopters to spray the crops.

Britain, and the UN 70 years later suffer from the same problems in Iraq. Both wanted to exercise semi-colonial control on the cheap.

Gertrude Bell successfully advocated importing Faisal I. son of the Sherif of Mecca, first Arab king. British troops In the zones where Iraqis are were withdrawn, but he was Baghdad. The Mesopotamian farms 1,500 acres from a brick are deeply social and like eat- In their different ways, both means Iraq has little left to lose.

not allowed to fly, the UN's backed by RAF bases east of

In fact, the UN role in Iraq is reaching a crisis for reasons little understood outside the country. The UN thought that if enough food and medicines were distributed to fend off famine and epidemics all would be well. But the indices of infant mortality and malnutri-

tion have scarcely declined. This is because the Iraqi into ten hours even in central

plain is flat, so without electricity, water and sewage cannot be pumped. Extra food and medicine make no difference if

Iraqis are drinking increasingly polluted water. In the Iraqi countryside the breakdown in electricity supply is even worse than in Baghdad. Farmers are said to be doing well out of the present crisis because the government is pay-

ing high prices for their crops. We went to Babil province, 80 miles from Baghdad, to see From nine in the evening the Sheikh Hatem al-Jeriyan, who

But even Sheikh Hatem admitted that times were bad. The one topic of conversation in Iraq is the terrible summer heat, far hotter than usual this year. He had moved into a house in a nearby town "because at least here there is five hours electricity a day". In the country

there is just one hour and sometimes nothing. Because of the heat, Baghdad functions mostly at night. pavements are thronged. Iraqis

fortress built by his grandfather ing out, despite sanctions. Many restaurants have closed, particularly on Abu Nawwas Street beside the Tigris where Iragis once used to eat river fish baked on an open fire.

But a new restaurant quarter has opened up at a village called Kreat, on the river north of Baghdad. Some of the restaurants are on the river bank, others are on pontoons floating on the Tigris. Even here, every half-hour the electricity would go off, plunging the riverbank into darkness.

Gertrude Bell and the UN got it wrong. The British hegemony in Iraq ended in 1958 when the royal family, tainted in Iraqi eyes as British puppets, were shot down by rebel army officers as they fled their burning

The predominant influence of the UN Security Council over Irani affairs may also be withering. It has always required a degree of Iraqi cooperation. The present disaster and the apparently endless continuation of sanctions

Cops get their skates on || You really can be confident in

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ON MIAMI BEACH, they're known as the Blade-Runner cops. They ride in line skates. pack heat and and have become the second most photographed subject on Miami Beach, (The first remains the beach-front mansion of the late Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace, where busloads of tourists stop to take pictures of the steps where he

was shot dead a year ago). So far, in their first year, the skating police have not had to fire their Sig-Sauer automatic pistols. Even their collapsible batons and pepper-spray grenades have rarely been used other than to impress inquisitive media types.

Secretly hoping for a major bank robbery, or a shoot-out with a Colombian cocaine gang, I joined a two-man patrol of the Miami Beach skater unit the other day. Well, when l say "joined", I didn't trust myself to keep up with them on skates so I huffed and pulled around on foot to try to get a feel for their job.

I got my first chue even before our rendezvous when I stopped in at Joffrey's Coffee Shop in the renowned Lincoln Road pedeatrian zone, a skaters' mecca. Over thick black espresso, a regular policeman - if you call patrolling on a push bike "regular" - Officer Wally Neumann, warned me not to expect any shootouts or high-speed chases with the skating cops.

"It's a public relations exercise," he scoffed. "These guys don't go after drug dealers. That's in the movies. They've got to take the skates off to arrest people. If there's a guy who's inebriated, you're not going to tackle him with skates on. Look, I'm a cop arresting you. If I take my eyes off you for a second, I've lost 50 per cent of my advantage." I was about to ask Wally



Fully kitted out for the beach-police patrol

his bike when my two contacts clattered into the coffee shop in white shirts, tight navy shorts, elbow- and knee-pads and gloves, wearing their skates and weighed down by 25 pounds of equipment round their waists. They were Officers Alfredo Amaya, 34, and Scott Lowe - 46, and six foot five. "Without his skates on, he'a only four foot five," quipped Alfredo.

Scott, then on a bike, was the first officer on the scene when Versace was shot by the gay serial killer Andrew Cunanan in July last year. Both are 10-year veterans of the Miami Beach bicycle unit and still get on their bikes several days a week to chase bad guys - mostly drug dealers through the back alleys between the pastel-coloured beachfront Art Deco hotels.

First, they demonstrated how they could flick off the wheels and chassis of their special Hypno skates in less than a second, leaving them wearing a comfortable hiking boot. Then they showed me their equipment, the 9mm Sig-Sauer, 50 rounds of ammunition, an asp (collapsible baton), pepper-spray grenade, radio, beeper, sunblock and umpteen other necessities.

"You don't want to beat people with the asp so you just give them a little spray in the face and that's the end of it. It's a lot more user-friendly." said Scott.

how he arrested people from and one usually removes his wheels when they apprehend a subject. As we set off in 90degree-plus heat, Scott said: "After an hour, you're soaked down to your underwear. We

make a lot of water stops. "They don't really call us in for things like a bank robbery in progress. It's true it's largely PR. We stop people skateboarding here on Lincoln Road, for example, where it's banned. We spend a lot of time chasing the 'aggressive skaters' - kids who like to grind."

"Grinding", I found out, means skating down handrails, using such techniques as the Royale, the Fahrvergruegen or the Fishbrain, depending on which part of the boot is used to balance. The cops' first stop was to

check on Bob Kunst, a local gay-rights activist who was staging a one-man demonstration: "Caymans, Kiss My Ass," said his placard, a reference to the fact that the Cayman Islands refused to let a cruise shipload of American gays disembark earlier this year. Kunst was within his rights and the cops rolled on.

Wherever the pair skated, they got some form of reaction. Tourists snapped pictures, some shouted "you're doing a great job", not a few smirked. The police spent most of their time yelling at skaters to "keep to the left" or simply chatting to tourists. Alfredo tended to fall behind, once to chat to a beautiful They always patrol in twos shop assistant from Puerto

Rico, another time to ask a Brazilian beauty in a thong bikini, showering on the edge of the beach, whether she was enjoying her holiday.

They demonstrated their tougher side when they stopped to check on Daniel Gonzalez, 24, sipping a beer in a shop doorway on Espanola Way. Drinking in the street is illegal. Scott flicked off his wheels

for greater balance. Alfredo crushed the beer can with his wheels, telling me Gonzalez was a serial carthief After ordering him to remove his sneakers and "adopt the position", Scott asked him how many times he had been arrested - "more than five? more than 10?", "More than five, less than 10," Gonzalez replied. "What happened to your head?" asked Alfredo, pointing to a deep scar across the young man's cropped hair. "Somebody dropped a bottle on it," he said.

They let him go but told him to move on "There's a lot of male prostitutes around here, "Scott told him. "This is no place to hang out." Gonzalez loped off. "He was probably waiting to break into a car," Alfredo told me. "We've caught him with pliers before. Or he might have been employed to do heat runs." A heat runner I learned is someone who follows a potential drug purchaser to check he's not being watched by police before

the drug deal goes down. The only other thing bordering on excitement was when the partners ordered a group of down-and-out Cuban exiles to move from the grass opposite the Versace mansion, basing their order on the fact that the group had a dog without a leash. "Otherwise, we can't touch them. If they're homeless, they can sleep where they want. There's hundreds of them on the beach at night," said Scott, "If they shower naked, if they pee in public, we can't touch them. We're told it's a life-sustaining

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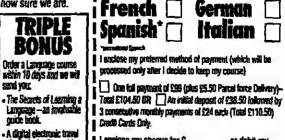
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Goldman tops Euro M&A league

THE US investment bank, Goldman Sachs, was the too adviser oo cross-border European mergers andacquisitions in the first half of 1998, according to the magazine Acquisitions Monthly.

Goldman advised on 23 deals worth a total of£15.8bn during the period - which coincided with a fierce internal debate over whether to float the 129-year-old partnership said the magazine. Goldman, which decided it will sell shares in the autumn. was involved in the two higgest cross-border acquisitions of European firms so far this year: the £7.9bn takeover of Belgium's Generale de Banque hy Fortis, and the £6.1bn acquisition of France's AGF by

Cassidy the victor in court battle



DENIS CASSIDY (left) the former chairman of the Liberty retail group. yesterday won a High Court battle with the

company over his contract. Mr Cassidy, who was ousted from the company in December after a bitter battle with the founding Liberty family, has been awarded a total of £247,000 contract dispute. He could

secure a further £50,000 for his outstanding bonuses and another £50.000 in legal fees. Mr Cassidy took action against Liberty in April for

refusing to honour his contract, He sned for £135.125 in lieu of 12 months' notice plus other additional sums. The Court dismissed Liberty's application to defend the claim and ordered the company to pay Mr Cassidy's legal costs. If the two sides now fail to settle there will be a further bearing to determine damages.

Tesco extends 24-hour shopping

THE SUPERMARKET chain Tesco yesterday pledged to create 600 new jobs by more than doubling the oumber of stores it keeps open 24 hours a day. From next week 63 Tesco stores in the UK will be open non-stop from Monday morning until Saturday night, compared with 26 at the moment. The company said this meant 20 million people would be within a short drive of its all-night branches.

The move follows research showing that more people work late hours and oeed the convenience of being able to shop through the night. Chief executive Terry Leahy said Tesco was "responding to the large-scale changes in British society". Tesco's 24-hour branches only open from 10am to 4pm on Sundays to comply with trading laws.

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MPC urged to hold rates as risk of recession grows

TWO OF the UK's leading forecasters yesterday painted a bleak picture of the country's economic prospects, upping the pressure on the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to hold terest rates when it meets

London Business School (LBS) said the government's failure to co-ordinate monetary and fiscal policy had increased the risks of a hard landing in the UK. The forecaster called the decision to put up interest rates in June at best unnecessary, and at worst dangerous risking pushing the earnings, a bout of relative

By Lea Paterson

economy towards a recession. Separately, Oxford Ecocomic Forecasting (OEF) predicted that the manufacturing recession would deepen, and said the likely length and death of the recession depended on the acbons of the MPC.

Growing concerns about the risk of a recession in the UK have prompted speculation that the MPC will keep interest rates on hold this week for the second consecutive month. However strong growth in UK

buoyant service sector all mean a rate rise remains a possibility, City economists said.

Stephen Lewis, chief economist at Monument Derivatives. said: "It will not be easy for the MPC to decide what it should do this week. The key question for the committee is how far it can rely on the looming recession to push up unemployment

and curb pay settlements." OEF predicted that the UK services sector would grow at a rohust 4 per cent in 1998, but that the growth rate should

weakness in the pound and a outlook for manufacturing, by contrast, was far more gloomy, with output predicted to fall hy 0.5 per cent this year.

OEF said: "The question is

no longer whether the manufacturing sector will suffer recession, hut rather how deep and long-lasting it will be." The LBS predicted UK eco-

nomic growth would slow to 2.2 per cent this year and to 1.3 per cent in 1999, before picking up again in 2000

It said there was no need for another rate rise, and argued that the MPC's actions would slow to 2.2 per ceot in 1999. The cause growth to slow by more

A separate study released than necessary to meet the inyesterday gave a more upbeal flation target. However, the assessment of the economy. LBS stopped short of forecast ing recession, and said talk of The latest BDO quarterly business trends report found "full-blown recession" was that the UK was heading for a "alarmist". Stephen Byers, the "soft" or at worst a "bumpy" new Treasury Chief Secretary:

the tough decisions taken by

this government that we have

the necessary slowing of

growth to get the economy

back on track.

landing, and predicted that said: "The government's new inflationary pressures could start to build towards the end framework for monetary and fiscal policy provides a platform for long-term economic stabilof the year Sterling hardened against ity and an end to the cycle of the mark to close at DM2.91, up boom and bust. It is because of

more than a pfennig on yes terday's close. The FTSE 100 closed down

73.6 points at 5736.1, the lowest close since June.

NatWest soars after surprise leap in profits

By Lea Paterson

NATIONAL Westminster Bank reported an unexpectedly sharp rise in first-half profits, sending its shares soaring by more than 10 per cent.

The bank - whose reputation has suffered in recent years following a disastrous foray into investment banking - said pre-tax profits in the six mooths to June increased by almost 50 per cent to £967m.

Earnings rose in all the group's core activities, although analysts said performances in Treasury operations and in the UK retail bank were particularly strong.

Lord Alexander, NatWest chairman, said the figures could "properly be described as a turnaround", and that the improvement reflected "the skill and the dedication of the team". Derek Wanless, the bank's chief executive, called the figures "a good start, but only a start," and promised continued strong growth in the years ahead.

Brokers had been predicting NatWest would bounce back from a poor 1997, when it was dogged by difficulties at NatWest Markets, its investment banking arm, much of which has now been sold or restructured.

However, the City was surprised by the speed of the turnaround, and most brokers said they would be upgrading profit forecasts. Shares in NatWest rose 107p to close at 1146p.

alyst at Salomon Smith Barney, said: "The figures were certainly a positive surprise for all of us. They re a good, clean set of oumbers, which have been a Despite a £65m peosions

John Leonard, banking an-

mis-selling charge and an increased investment spend of £43m, profits at NatWest UK. the core retail banking businesses, were up 16 per ceot before tax to £555m. Coutts, whose performance last year was hindered by problem loans in the US, reported a 61 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £111m. Greeowich NatWest IGNWI, the renamed investment banking husiness, made a £1m pretax loss, although this figure includes losses made in the first half on discontinued activities.

The bank failed to clarify fully the issue of management sucsubject of intense speculatioo in recent months. Lord Alexander confirmed that he intended to stand down next year, but refused to be drawn on the questioo of potential successors.

Lord Blyth, chief executive of Boots and a non-executive director at the bank, is widely expected to succeed Lord Alexander. However, Lord Blyth's current commitments could mean the bank has to appoint an interim chairman. The interim dividend was

increased by 11 per cent to



cession, which has been the subject of intense speculation The refurbished Odeon in Leicester Square, London, which opens tomorrow: Chief executive Andrew Teare said subject of intense speculation Rank will focus on core husinesses such as cinemas

Struggling Rank plans more sell-offs

RANK, the Hard Rock Cafe and By PETER THAL LARSEN Odeon Cinemas group, is to sell off some of its smaller husinesses and concentrate on its main brands in an attempt to

reverse its flagging share price. Rank has already put its

Butlins botels on the hlock and is planning to sell its US holiday husinesses. It is also keen to exit from the Universal Studios theme park in Florida,

a 50 per ceot joint venture with Seagram, the US music and films group.

The move is the latest attempt by Andrew Teare, Rank's under-fire chief executive, to revive the group's lacklustre performance. "There will always be disposals as we contin-

ue to tighten our focus," he said. "This is a new policy for Rank." Mr Teare yesterday received the backing of Sir Denys Henderson, Rank's chairman, who told analysts the entire board supported the strategy. However, Mr Teare's plans failed to enthuse investors, who marked

the shares down 19p to 309p. The figures, which showed operating profits rising 12 per

cent to £101m, were hit by the refurbishment of the Butlins boliday camps and the revamping of some of the Odeon cinemas. "The figures were pretty unimpressive," ooe analvst said. "If someone is going

Blettion buy

to bid they will be welcomed in." US venture capital funds have been considering mounting a break-up bid for Rank. Investment, page 19

Regus chief is worth £250m

The entrepreneur wbo runs By PETER THAL LARSEN Regus, the company that provides temporary office space to travelling executives, was worth more than £250m yesterday after the company received a \$100m (£60m) cash injection.

Mark Dixon, who founded Regus in 1989, has sold a 17.5 Brown and BT Capital Partper ceot in the company to a consortium of investors led by Bankers Trust, the US investment bank, in return for \$100m. ropean affiliate.

Details of the deal were not made clear but a spokesman insisted that, although Mr Dixon in 1989. will pocket some of the proceeds, the "substantial majority" of the funds were for expanding the business into Asia and the United States.

The move is a first step towards preparing the company for a flotation within the next three years.

The other members of the consortium include Bankers Trust subsidiaries BT Alex. ners, plus US-based real estate fund Apollo Real Estate and Pelham Partners, Apollo's Eu-

Regus opened its first serviced office suite in Brussels

Mr Dixon opened the centres in the belief that businessmen would want to rent office space in the same way as they rent botel rooms.



founder, Mark Dixon

The company now has 150 centres in 29 countries around the world, and hopes to open its 200th centre later this year. Its customers include Microsoft, Midland Bank, KLM and Marks & Spencer.

Laporte bid for Inspec may unleash wave of mergers LAPORTE, the speciality chem- NIGEL COPE

icals group, is in discussions with rival chemicals company Inspec that are expected to lead to an agreed takeover deal valuing Inspec at £598m. Inspec shares rose 36 per

cent to 332.5p compared to the 340p per share offer price as analysts said the bid price was unlikely to be topped by a rival bidder. The move pushed share prices of second-line chemicals companies higher as analysts predicted a wave of consolidation in the sector, which has been hit by the strong pound.

A key figure in the Inspec takeover discussions will be its chairman, Dr John Hollowood, who guided the company to the stock market in Associate City Editor

1994. He bolds a 5.6 per cent stake valued at £33.4m at yesterday's closing price. His share options are worth £9.1m. Laporte's broker, CSFB, was

aggressively buying inspec shares in the market yesterday. demonstrating the company's commitment to the deal. It is likely to be a cash offer as Laporte has £130m in the bank. Inspec was formed in 1990

after a management buyout of BP's speciality chemicals business. It bought Shell's speciality chemicals business for £200m two years later.

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pharmaceuticals industry, while Laporte has three divisions; speciality chemicals, pigments and additives, and compounds and electronics.

Laporte said the deal would be a good geographic and strategic fit, and Inspec's distribution system was strong as a result of its BP heritage.

The bid came as Croda International, a rival chemicals group, reported a sharp fall in underlying profits from £20.7m to £17.6m. It hlamed the fall on the strength of sterling and falling demand in South-east Asian markets.

Croda shares fell more than 5 per cent in early trading but Inspec is a leading player is ended 25p higher at 332.5p as

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

SHARES endured a difficult session with Footsie falling 73.6 points to 5.736.1. Futures activity and a selloff in New York were largely responsible, along with Far East and interest-rate uncertainties.

Blue chips, particularly those with transatlantic links, were the hardest hit. with second and third line shares for once bolding up well. National Westminster Bank bucked the treod; with interim profits ahead of expectations the shares jumped 107p to 1,146p. Derek Pain, page 19

NEW YORK

US STOCKS fell steeply as selling momentum snowballed amid concern about the White House sex scandal and that Japan might not do enough to boost the

The Dow fell 224 points to 8,562.8, its lowest since June, before fighting back to 8,656.2 in the late afternoon. The Nasdaq index was hit even harder, falling by 2.7 per cent to 1,801. Trading was unpredictable - in the morning blue-chip stocks had gained almost 70 points.

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TOKYO

STOCKS closed lower, with the benchmark Nikkei ending down 141.5 points at 16,023.6 as a late afternooo fall in the yen sapped sentimeot. The volatile dollar-yen rate has come to be seen as a barometer of confidence in Japan.

In later trading the dollar was lower after the Minister of Finance, Kiichi Miyazawa, said he could not rule out intervention. The dollar fell to lows of 144.22 yen by late morning, although dealers speculated that the dollar's decline may prove short-lived.

PARIS

PARIS shares shed over 1 per cent as the latest ven worries and Wall Street's decline weighed on a market diminished by thin summer volumes.

down 47.2 points at 4,047.9. The CAC made solid gains until Wall Street opened, boosted by the engineering group Alsthom; news of a Ffr21bn Australian contract for a high-speed rail link between Sydney and Canberra boosted Alsthom's price by more than 4 per cent.

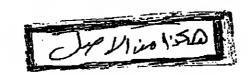
The blue-chip CAC 40 closed

FRANKFURT

SHARES closed lower in late Xetra trading in a lacklustre market that followed Wall Street's weak opening. The Xetra DAX closed at 5,718.70, down 37.50 from the day's floor close and 55.68 down on vesterday's close. The DAX closed 2.57 down at 5,756.2. Some stocks rebounded from early falls, but fell

again as New York opened lower. BASF shares fell after its warning that growth would slow in the second half overshadowed a 14 per

cent rise in profits. BASF drug unit plans, page 17





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Pensions scandal demands a hearing

THE PENSIONS mis-selling saga ranks as the biggest financial scandal of the last 20 years. Bigger than Maxwell, higger than Polly Peck, bigger than Barlow Clowes, bigger than Barings. Bigger, even, than BCCI. In terms of the number of people affected and the amounts involved, this scandal dwarfs all that have gone before.

At the last count, an estimated two million people had been sold grossly mappropriate pensions by fee-hungry salesmen. The cost to the industry of putting it right could reach £15bn

Strange, then, that in the five ears since the scandal first came to light there has been not a single prosecution. Fines have been levied on the pensions industry totalling £10m - a paltry sum set against the scale of the problem – and the worst offenders bave been named and shamed for their appalling clear-up rates. But not a single company or individual director has been called to account

The issue turns on the point at which the sale of an inappropriate pension ceases to be an unfortunate product of poor training and overzealous salesmanship and becomes a dishonest or reckless act of pre-



OUTLOOK

meditation. At that point prior intent is established and the action can be punished by criminal prosecution and imprisonment of

The regulators, in the shape of the Personal Investment Authority and Imro, and now the Financial Services Authority, say they have always been aware of the powers of criminal prosecution contained in the Financial Services Act. But they say that despite the millions of cases that have come to light, there has never been any reason to suppose prior intent.

It is equally reasonable to question whether this can possibly be the case. Unlike Maxwell, Polly Peck

World Cup on TV

The World Cup stopped people from going to the movies (Rank), turned them away from pubs where there were no TVs, (JD pubs where there were stopped punters from Wetherspoon) and even stopped punters from using pub fruit machines (Kunick).

Hozelock cannot sell its hoses when there is too water their gardens, don't have to use

and Barlow Clowes, there is not a single perpetrator to identify. In the case of pensions mis-selling, safety lies in numbers. The sheer extent of the problem and the number of companies and individual salesmen involved provide some natural cover. But can it really be the case that in two million instances of pensions mis-selling, prior intent never

It could be argued that the provisions of the Financial Services Act are too onerous. It could also be argued that, had criminal prosecutions been launched before now, they would have seriously slowed down the process of cleaning up after the scandal and compensating its victims. In criminal cases the burden of proof is much higher, which is one reason why the new Financial Services Bill will make insider dealing an offence punishable

through the civil courts. But it was always unlikely that those conducting the pensions review would easily refer cases on to the police. Remember that the review is being carried out on a selfregulatory, voluntary basis by organisations that are run by the practitioners themselves.

It is too much to expect these

the same constraints do not apply to the company fraud squad at Scotland Yard. If prosecutions are merited, then neither the Treasury nor the FSA should be allowed to stand in the way. If the Government is as horrified as it says it is by the pensions mis-selling scandal, then it must know that one custodial sentence is worth a thousand fines.

Long wait worth it for Wanless

IT SEEMS like an awfully long time since Derek Wanless was able to stand up and deliver a set of NatWest results without simultaneously having to dodge the brickbats. Yesterday, there was barely a projectile in sight for the chief executive to negotiate.

First-half profits nudged past the £1bn mark, the shares put on 10 per cent and, while NatWest's return on equity is still not in the Lloyds TSB class, oor does it any longer resemble a rude noise in

It is still too early to declare NatWest back to full health after last

THE THINGS THEY SAY: EXPLANATIONS FOR POOR RESULTS

Too much sun

gamekeepers to turn poacher. But vear's annus horribilis, when the exit from investment banking left behind a £700m hole in the profit and loss account. But the business is clearly at a turning point.

Not surprisingly, Mr Wanless and his chairman Lord Alexander were in chipper mood. The only thing that tended to wipe the smile off the latter's face was harmless questioning about the succession. Since everyone has known for ages that Lord A is being succeeded by Lord B it remains a minor mystery why NatWest insists on waiting until next April's agm to annoint James Blyth formally as its new chairman.

Shorn of the distractions of all those highly paid investment bankers, NatWest has rediscovered that its core UK retail banking business contains a powerful franchise. It has the biggest share of the small and medium-sized business market, 6.5 million personal account holders, a third of the credit card market and a mortgage book which grew faster in the first half than either Abbey National's or Halifax's.

Once Mr Wanless bas finished building his new retail bank, it will have 200 fewer branches, 10,000 less

staff and 55 brand spanking new operating centres. Provided he can re-educate customers to use these remote locations for their run-ofthe-mill transactions he will have the best of both worlds; the the presence of a high street bank and the

economies of a telephone bank. There may even be opportunities to leverage more business out of its the lawyers business customer base for Greenwich NatWest, the renamed rump of its investment banking arm, and NatWest Wealth Management, perhaps better known as Coutts, and the fund management business Gartmore.

It still looks a tall order to achieve a return on equity of 20 per cent from the Greenwich Natwest. given that it is only achieving 7 per cent now and will never have the fire-power of its bigger rivals.

But size is not everything. NatWest's comparative lack of exposure to Asia and the pensions mis-selling scandal mean that it has been able to escape big provisions this time around. In fact the balance sheet could comfortably accommodate a £700m return of capital to shareholders.

Lord Alexander has had plenty of time to plan for his departure since

Albert Fisher, the struggling fresh produce and month over a 25 per cent fall in the pea harvest.

Poor pea harvest

he said right from the start that he would do 10 years in the job. Just imagine what a swansong it could have been had NatWest realised sooner where its strengths lay.

Strong arm of

SUBTLETY IS NOT Emerson Electrie's strong point. The US firm last hit the headlines for the strongarm methods it employed to buy out the minority shareholders in Astec BSR. The tactic was simple if brutal: agree to be bought out at tire market price or watch as we slash the dividend. The case went to court and Emerson won.

This time around it has won judgment against Trevor Wheatley. a former employee of a company it acquired in 1995, requiring him to honour an agreement not to start up a competing business. Since the agreement expires in five months. the legal action seems a little pointless. Unless the aim was to divert attention from Mr Wheatley's claim for wrongful dismissal. Or unless Emerson has a few too many lawyers on its board.

IN BRIEF

industry continued to grow in July, albeit at a slower pace. according to a new survey.

Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) said its overall construction index came in 57.9 in June. The CIPS said companies continued to report problems finding suitable sub-contractors and securing sufficient supplies of materials.

Exchange acts

MATIF, the French futures exchange, has introduced new controls in an attempt to iron out typing mistakes by

electronic trading, is to transaction price is 25 per cent higher or lower than the previous day's fluctuation

down on trading losses caused by typing errors. Lasl month one Matif trader reportedly lost £8m after entering the wrong price for a trade.

consist of a five-storey 7,510 square metre, high quality office building with 348 car Developers John Laing Property and Terrace Hill

in the autumn and will December 1999.

properties for £205.5m. Pillar. Schroder Exempt Property Unit Trust and SITO International Inc. a wholly-owned subsidiary of Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, said they had formed a Jersey-based closed end unit trust which

Pillar said that while the underlying units are not expected to become actively

expansion by a further £300m park investments be

UK construction growth slows THE UK construction

The Chartered Institute of

spagnetti-fingered traders.
The exchange, which has recently switched to

MEPC office buy

The acquisition involves around £27.7m payable to the developers in two phases, with a third phase dependent on a successful letting, the company said. Heathrow Approach will

parking spaces, MEPC said.

expect to start construction deliver the building in

Fosse Park deal PILLAR PROPERTY, the property investment group, has formed an unit trust to buy two Fosse Park

had completed the acquisition of the Fosse Park and Fosse Park South retail

parks near Leicester. Key retail chains represented on the Fosse Park developments include Marks & Spencer, Boots. Burton, Next and Dixons, and on Fosse Park South they include Currys, PC World and Carpet Depot.

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BY JOHN WILLCOCK

Asian flu are the main bogey

men of corporate Britain, both

Kunick, the slot machine man-

ufacturer and leasing compa-

ny, and Rank, the leisure group,

yesterday blamed the World

Cup for poor recent sales. Kunick yesterday issued a

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at 57.2 last month, down from

The move should help cut

MEPC, the property company, has agreed to purchase John Laing Property and Terrace Hill's office development catled Heathrow Approach, at Langley near Heathrow in

profits warning claiming the World Cup had kept gamblers out of pubs or glued to the television screens. Kunick, which operates

40,000 machines in the UK, said the tournament had a "significant impact" on its income, wiping out 22 per cent of its takings. The total cost to its profits would be around £700,000, it said. Russell Smith, Kunick's

in three-dimensional jigsaws. Firms always find something to blame EXCUSES. EXCUSES. While British Rail with its "wrong chief executive said: "A lot of chains, by banning intrusive pubs brought in big screens for

kind of leaves" may have passed into history, Britisb businesses are achieving new the tournament and, with the peaks of productivity in inmatches being shown in prime venting excuses for poor drinking time, people watched TV rather than play on our ma-While strong sterling and

"It had an amazing effect. We bave never seen anything Andrew Teare, Rank's chief

executive, said yesterday that the Odeon chain suffered a drop in attendance in the second quarter because of the World Cup.

Echoing Mr Smith, Mr Teare said that punters preferred footy to films during the four-week tournament. The pub group JD Wetherspoon also recently blamed

the World Cup for a 10 per cent fall in beer sales during June. Perversely, this was because Wetherspoon pursues the praiseworthy strategy of being "friendlier" than other pub

television and canned music from its premises. Sadly this proved a turnoff for punters

during the tournament. To be fair, JD Wetherspoon has always been up-front in expecting poor sales during the World Cup, a four-week period

every four years. Jim Clarke, finance director, said in June: "We knew things were going to be tough, and they've been as difficult as we "It's something we knew

was coming and now it's finished. Everything else is exactly in line with expectations." Returning to this week, Roger Elmhirst, chairman of Zotefoams, blamed the strong pound for a slowdown in prof-

its this year, as well as "a slowdown in supply to the three-dimensional puzzle manufacturers" The Croydon-based plastics

to big toy makers like Hasbro, which use it to make giant puzzles, including a four-foot nigh Big Ben and a giant plas-

Death of Dianna

executive of DFS, the furniture

chain, pinned part of the blame

for the group's first annual profits fall in 28 years on the death of

Sir Graham Kirkham, chief

Diana, Princess of Wales.

Poor profits, terrible excuses

News Analysis: It was the World Cup. It was the weather. It was the slump

tic Notre Dame. Not to be outdone in the excuse stakes, Albert Fisher, the struggling fresh produce, food processing and seafood group, announced half year losses of £23m in April due to the strong pound, a failed sale of its seafood operations - and El Nino, the global weather

It went even better last month when it announced more woe and pinned part of the blame on a 25 per cent fall in the pea harvest. A spokesman for Albert

Fisher said then: "We estimated a crop of around 32,000 tonnes but have seen that fall by a quarter."

Most of Albert Fisher's peas are grown in Lincolnshire and June, when he had to an-

manufacturer supplies foam East Anglia, be said. "It's been wet, it's been damp and there has been no sun. The peas have not been as prolific

as we had boped." Albert Fisher has been plagued by such misfortunes. A barsh winter destroyed Dutch cockle beds in the winter of 1996-7.

The company's finances were further buffeted by a glut of lettuces in California.

Coincidentally, one of the last serious bidders for the Albert Fisher business was Andrew Regan, just before he came a cropper last year trying to buy the Co-operative

Wholesale Society. When it comes to excuses, though, it is hard to beat old pros like Sir Graham Kirkham, chief executive of DFS, the furniture chain. Sir Graham managed to raise eyebrows even in the cynical City in

nounce the first fall in profits at the group in 28 years.

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self-assessed tax

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He blamed high interest rates, the hot weather in August last year, the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the deadline for self-assessment tax forms on 31 January, and fi-

nally. Easter flooding. You might have thought the abstract world of derivatives would be immune from such considerations, but Liffe, the London futures market still managed to get in on the act

yesterday.

John Foyle, Liffe's acting chief executive, warned that "July is traditionally a quiet month during the summer hol-

iday period. Are Liffe's German rivals on the Deutsche Terminborse (now renamed Eurex) all sunning themselves on the beach? Or are the Teutonic bordes beavering away, extending their lead over London in the crucial Bund contract market?

And, come to think of it. what is the German for "wrong

Work sparks legal battle

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

A SELF-MADE businessman is fighting a bitter legal baille with Emerson Electric, the US electronics giant, after a court ruling barred him from working for a rival firm.

Trevor Wheatley, a former executive with an Emerson subsidiary called Control Techniques, was last mooth told by the High Court that he could not work for or own shares in cus Dynamics, another en-

gineering firm. Emerson had argued that Mr Wheatley's involvement with Focus violated a non-com-

pete clause in bis contract. However, Mr Wheatley is planning to appeal against the ruling, which bars him from working for Focus until 20 December.

Meanwhile, he is also pursuing a claim for unfair dismissal against Emerson after he was sacked by the company in May - just one-and-a-half vears into a five year \$20m

I£12,3m) contract. "Emerson spent an inordinate amount of time and money to stop me competing with them for another 20 weeks," Mr Wheatley said yes-

terday. "I can only conclude they were doing that as a smokescreen for the wrongful dis-

missal case. "They have used their deep pockets to finance their bullyboy tactics. It only makes you wonder how far these people will go."

News of the baltle is set to further embarrass Emerson. which has already had its reputation in the City tarnished by its attempt to take control of Astec (BSR), the electronic components group in which it bolds a 51 per cent stake.

Earlier this year, a consortium of institutional shareholders in Astec took Emerson to court for unfairly prejudicing the rights of its minority shareholders. However, the court

threw out the case. Mr Wheatley said that the whole episode had made him

all the more determined. "After the shabby way Emerson have treated me they have soawned the most determined competitor they have ever bad." Mr Wheatley

Slump in crude oil price lops 29% off BP's profits

BP YESTERDAY blamed the slump in oil prices to their lowest level in a decade for a sharp fall in second-quarter earnings The oil giant's profits fell 29 per cent to £542m in the second

three months of 1998 as the oil

price collapsed on overproduc-

tion and slowing demand. First-

half profits were down 26 per

cent year-on-year to £1.71hn.

By Francesco Guerrera

The interim dividend was up 9 per cent to 11.75p a share.

The figures were at the top end of analysts' expectations for profits of between £465m and £552m. The City took the numbers in its stride, with shares in BP closing 2p higher at 812p. Sir John Browne, the chief

executive, said that the price of result in a difficult business enventure with Mobil to pool been hit by a fall in refining marbenchmark Brent crude had fallen by almost a third in the past year, averaging \$13.50. The plunging oil price had a

negative effect on BP's core businesses - production, retailing and chemicals - and was only partially offset by a renewed drive to cut costs and increase efficiency, he said. "This is a good

vironment, with all the three businesses continuing to reduce costs and grow volumes."

The cost-cutting exercise, launched in March, delivered a \$75m (346m) gain in the quarter as BP set stringent restrictions on managers' travel and on its \$1bn-a-month procurement budget. The joint

petrol retail operations across Europe contributed a further \$200m saving and was on course to achieve the \$300m tar-

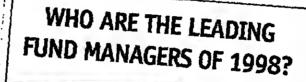
get by year-end, Sir John said. However, profits in the refining and marketing division, which include forecourt retailing, fell to 2299m from 2308m.

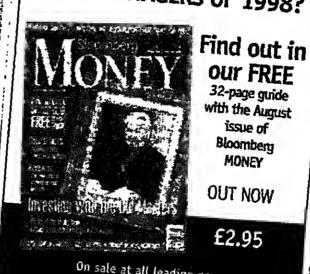
gins and by competition in the UK petrol station market, where BP has suffered since the arrival of cut-price supermarket retailers. Earnings in the exploration and produc-

tion division were also down to £447m from £695m a year ago. Mr Browne said BP had to rely on its own resources to keep

profits in a depressed market "We can't reh on any help in the near term from the loil price | environment. Demand remains weak and stocks high. Our performance in the near future depends on our own efforts"

Analysts predicted thet BP's share price would rebound if oil prices recover later this year, as





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GM's plant at Flint, Michigan was one of 27 shut by the strike, but UK parts firms weathered the fall-out AP

Car part firms limit impact of GM strike

LUCASVARITY and Mayflower Corporation, two of the UK's largest car parts makers, brought some relief to the hardpressed engineering sector yesterday when they revealed that the strike at General Motors would have only a limited impact on their earnings.

Lucas Varie, the world's Sec ond-largest brakes producer, said that the eight-week strike at the US car maker would cut second-quarter operating profits by £11m, below analysts' expectations of a £12m to £15m hit. The company said the impact of the stoppage, which ended last week, would be partly offset by strong sales of cars and trucks in other markets.

Shares in Lucas rose 8p on the news before succumbing to in the second half. The compaprofit-taking to end the day ny maintained that, although

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0.5p lower at 213p. Fears that the GM strike - which cost the world's biggest car maker \$3bn (£1.8bn) and forced it to shut down 27 of its 29 US plants could lead to large losses for its of City said, sis to cal like investment and profit forecasts.

However, William Mackie, an analyst with broker Credit Lyonnais Securities, said: "It is encouraging that LucasVarity have capped these costs. I think we'll see some confidence re-

turn.' Martiower said that the strike cut sales by about £1.5m in the first half and would reduce earnings by around £4.5m

GM is one of its major customers, buoyant sales of car and truck parts in Europe had beloed to cushion the blow.

Tony Lancelott, an analyst with Albert E Sharp, said: "The GM strike does not seem to have been a major item at all, UK suppliers had led a number so there is an element of relief

> The Mayflower announcement came as the company reported a 22 per cent increase in first-half profits to £19.6m on turnover up 11 per cent to £208.2m. The dividend payout increased by 20 per cent to 1.1p

> The interim far came against the background of flat profit growth in the US, one of Mayflower's key markets, where earnings were held back by the strike and the prolonged

closure of a major truck maker's production line.

Shares in the company, which backed away from an audacious hid for its bigger rival Vickers last year, fell 6.15 per cent to 206p. The fall was largely due to profit-taking following an 8 per cent rise on Monday in CONTRACTOR OF

John Simpson, Mayflower chief executive, said: "This is an excellent performance in both profits and sales, particularly when set against the background of the GM strike and the planned three-month shut down of the Freightliner Sterling production line."

However, the company sounded a note of caution on the outlook for the rest of the year when it said that market conditions were "getting tougher".

Why indicators are a matter of confidence

subtle but significant shift in the stance taken by some members of the Monetary Policy Committee as far as activity is concerned. As recently as six months ago, like most commentators, the Bank of England seemed to be assuming that the UK economy was running at around full capacity. The so-called "output gap" was therefore assumed to be around zero.

Against this background, the MPC's objective was clear to get overall GDP growth down to its long-term sustainable rate from the unsus tainable rates seen through most of last year. With growth in the first half of the year coming in at an annualised rate of around 2 per cent, this objective has been broadly met.

Recent comments from some MPC members, however, suggest that the objective itself has been re-assessed. In particular, comments that unemployment has probably now fallen below the non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment (NAIRU) suggest that at least some members of the MPC now believe that the output gap is significantly positive. If this interpretation is correct, the implications for policy are potentially dramatic. Growth slowing to trend is not enough - a relatively hard landing for the UK economy could be beginning to look like a policy objective.

So where are we to look for the first signs that the gentle slowdown in overall activity seen so far is turning into something more akin to the re-cessions of the early 1980s or early 1990s? The range of leading indicators of econom-le activity in the UK is not as broad as it was - the Office for National Statistics (ONS) discontinued the official composite leading indicators some time ago after an investigation revealed they had little predictive power. And unpredictable shifts in velocity have made the monetary aggre-gates of little use in predicting turning points in activity, as the Bank of England has implicitly admitted by dropping broad and narrow money. This leaves indicators of confidence -consumer and business - as the main leading indicatora of

economic activity in the UK. According to the latest CBI Industrial Trends Survey released last week, July saw a veritable collapse in business confidence, with the balance of optimists against pessimists falling to its lowest level since 1991. Overall business opti-



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Businessmen and consumers often spot a turning point coming before the economists do

mism is now at a level historically associated with falling GDP as the chart shows. Two caveats, however, need to be added to this. First, because the survey covers only manufacturing industry it may well be overstating the weakness of activity overall as services output remains solid. Certainly, the downturn in more broadly-based surveys - such as those from the Chambers of Commerce and Dunn and Bradstreet - has been much less marked.

Second, those parts of the CBI survey that relate to the level of activity rather than the growth rate, while softening in recent quarters, continue to suggest that capacity remains fairly tight. In particular, the number of firms reporting ated with falling output. The skilled labour shortages remains historically high despite the recent weakness of ontput and falling employment intentions. Quite possi-

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THE ICC'S DEFICIT - A SIGN OF TROUBLE AHEAD

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services and the ease with which many skilled workers are able to move between sec-

Again, therefore, the CBI survey seems to confirm that growth is set to slow - possibly very sharply - but there is little evidence that the absolute level of activity is sustainable at present.

One further factor points to an increasingly unhealthy picture in industry - the financial position of the corporate sector. As the chart shows, industrial and commercial companies (ICCs) moved into financial deficit last year and in the last two quarters have seen deficits of close to 2 per cent of GDP. The ICCs' financial deficit was probably the single most important lead indicator of the early 1990s recession - companies' finances had become so stretched that sharp declines in capital spending and employment were almost inevitable.

Clearly the current deficit does not look nearly as worrying as that of the late 1980s and early 1990s, but the trend is not encouraging. Historically, the ICCs' financial balance has led GDP growth by around a year and deficits of 3 per cent of GDP or more have eventually been associstate of company finances does not argue for panic and the prospect of an imminent hard landing, but there is little doubt that the halance of

bly, this reflects the strength of demand for skilled labour in changing quite quickly. changing quite quickly.

So much for industry. What about consumers, who arguably are the beneficiaries of sterling's strength as import prices have fallen, boosting real incomes. Recent press reports based on the MORI Economic Optimism Index have suggested that consumer confidence in particular has "collapsed". The fall from +1 to -19 between May and June in the optimists-pessimists balance is certainly dramatic, and was sustained in July. However, at current levels the survey is still pointing to weakly positive retail sales growth, rather than absolute falls in volumes. And the broader measure of confidence published by the European Commission remains at levels consistent with strong growth in sales.

So the evidence for an imminent collapse in consumer spending is far from convincing. But the data does highlight the case for a sharp slowing in consumer spending in the second half of the year as consumers respond to higher base rates, higher taxes (at least marginally) and an ongoing deceleration in the rate at which unemployment is falling. Add to this a further fading in the impact of last year's windfalls, and a sharper slowdown in consumption than current forecasts imply is not difficult to envisage.

Over the coming months, indicators of consumer and industrial sentiment need to be monitored carefully. Talk of confidence having "collapsed" probably overstates the severity of the deterioration in recent months. But wben confidence started to fall in the early 1990s, the deterioration was rapid indeed.

It is not clear what role reports of falling business and consumer confidence played in the MPC's decision to leave rates on hold last month, or what role they might play at next week's MPC meeting. But as indications of bow hard a landing we can expect, and how soon rates can fall, changes in business and conamongst the most important over the coming months. If the early 1990s recession taught us anything, then It was probably that at important turning points in activity, businessmen and consumers often spot something coming before economists do.

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Pifco undaunted by Perform or be **Kenwood rebuffs**

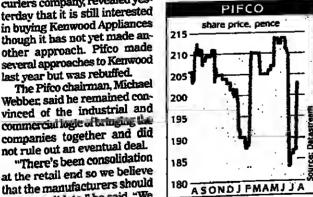
PIFCO HOLDINGS, the Russell By NIGEL COPE Hobbs kettles and Carmen hair curiers company, revealed yesterday that it is still interested in buying Kenwood Appliances though it has not yet made another approach. Pifco made several approaches to Kenwood last year but was rebuffed. The Pifco chairman, Michael

vinced of the industrial and commercial logic of bringing the companies together and did not rule out an eventual deal. "There's been consolidation at the retail end so we believe that the manufacturers should also consolidate," he said. "We

are looking for acquisitions. It's been a stated policy." His comments came as Pifco reported 13 uphrat set of results along with plans to enfranchise its A shares, and as Kenwood issued a profits warming which sald trading re-

mained poor. Under the terms of the share enfranchisement, Pifco's ordinary shareholders receive a bonus issue of 1 for 12 to make up for the dilutive effects. The

Associate City Editor



13.5p to 203p. Pifco profits rose by 23 per cent to £4.2m in the year to April and its cash pile increased from its in to talkin.

The company's buoyant statement was in stark contrast to Kenwood's, which said that first-half profits are likely to be "materially below last year". Chairman David Nash said that since the company's annual meeting in June trading conditions had remained "soft" in export markets and that July

was a weak month in the UK. He said any shortfall in the full ear would depend on trading

in the peak September month. Kenwood reported profits of £2.2m in the first half last year and a £11.4m loss in the full year after heavy exceptional costs.

The shares stayed at 110p, supported by the possibility of a Pifco bid. Kenwood is valued Mr Webber said Pifco was not under pressure to make an acquisition. The company is also looking to secure a Euro-

pean partner to take Pifco's flat

element (Optec) technology into new applications such as vending machines and electric Pifco's main growth source last year was Russell Hobbs, its presental bacseware brand with sales of Millermium kettles continuing to grow. Its other brands - Tower, Carmen, Mountain Breeze, Pifco and

from 7.1 per cent Pifco has just launched a trade catalogue of over 40 new

Salton - all progressed. Trading

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sold, BASF tells drug unit

By Francesco Guerrera EUROPE'S LARGEST chemical

company, BASF, is set to sell its troubled pharmaceutical division in 2000 unless the business delivers a dramatic increase in sales over the next 16 months. The German giant has set a

sales target of more than DM6bn (22.10m) for BASE Pharma if the division is to avoid being sold to one of BASF's rivals. This is a 46 per cent increase on last year's sales, which totalled DM4.1bn A sale of BASF Pharma

would attract widespread interest from pharmaceutical groups such as Glaxo Wellcome and Smitt Klim: Beach an of the UK, the Swedish giant Astra and Merck of the US, which will be keen to acquire the rights to market Meridia, the company's highly-regarded anti-obesity drug.

Eggert Voscherau, a member of BASF's board of executive directors, said: "If Pharma achieves DM6bn in sales by the year 2000, it will remain in the group. If it doesn't, the question [of a sale] will be answered. It does not make sense to have a pharma operation if it can't live up to expectations."

The division captures less than 1 per cent of the world's drug market and has suffered because of its small scale compared to most of its rivals. Experts say the fate of BASF Pharma depends crucially on the performance of Meridia.

The slimming treatment won regulatory approval in the US in February and has so far racked up sales of DM152m. BASF expects sales to reach DM900m a year from 1999 after the expected approval of the

drug by European regulators. If Meridia meets expectations, BASF Pharma should comfortably mee, its sales target and avoid the sale, according to observers. However, they warn that Meridia's sales could be hit by competition from Xenical, a rival slimming compound from the Swiss compa ny Roche that won approval from the European regulators earlier this week.

The two rival obesity frage are not expected to go head-tohead in the important American market until 1999, when Xenical is expected to gain US approval. So far the bulk of BASF Pharma's sales have come from the thyroid treatment Synthroid, which made DM622m in 1997. Separately, BASF yesterday

reported a 14.1 per cent increase in net profit for the first haif to DM1.62bn on sales up 3.4 per cent to DM28.7bn. Jürgen Strube, the chief executive, said the economic crisis in Asia would cut around DM500m from 1998 sales as demand and margins for BASF's core chemical products fall.

The company also announced that it is to seek a listing on the New York Stock Exchange by 2000.

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US worries put Footsie in retreat

NATIONAL Westminster Bank did its best but the stock market was. once again, in ragged retreat. New York dominated proceedings, and with the Clinton saga continuing to undermine Wall Street, Footsie lost a further 73.6 points to 5,736.1.

Better than-expected NatWest profits lifted the shares 107p to 1,146p. The 10.3 per cent gain put them comfortably at the top of the blue-chip leader board. In second place was the engineer GKN, enjoying a 2.4 per cent advance to 771p, ahead of what should he robust interim figures.

American waves hit many hlue chips. Pearson, the media group, fell 65p to 1,135p as Cavenove and Goldman Sachs completed the placing of shares at 1,135p, raising 6328m to help fund the takeover of US publisher Simon & Schuster, BT slumped \$3p to 841p as doubts set. in about growth prospects following the deal with AT&T. with some suggesting BT was dramatically

Amvescap, the investment group with a heavy US exposure, was another transatiantic casualty losing 56p to 646p.

overvalued.

MARKET Report



Many of the recent high-flyers were forced earthwards. For example, Colt Telecom lost 110p to 2,780p (against a 3,327.5p high) and Arm, the chip maker, gave up 40p to 1,162.5p.

Besides American influences, the stock market had to contend with continuing anxiety over the Far East and eveo that old bugbear, interest rates. It would be astonishing if the Monetary Policy Committee lifted rates this week. But the market is not at ease with the MPC and cannot completely banish suspicions that yet another nasty surprise lurks.

Second-line chemicals provided the only significant excitement. The signalled Laporte bid for Inspec sent the shares soaring 89.5p to 332.5p. Heavy turnover -Seag put volume at 51.3 million suggesting Laporte, or a possible counter-bidder, was in the market. CSFB bid up to 340p a share, the price Laporte is expected to offer.

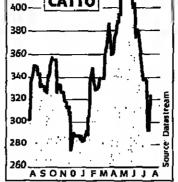
Other chemicals happily resoonded to the action. The sector has been deep in the dumps, with profits under pressure from fierce competition, exacerbated by the strong pound. Elementis rose 13p to 143p;

Yule Catto 23p to 321.5p and BTP 20p to 475p Albright & Wilson, which has attracted takeover rumours in the past few days, put on a further 5p to 138.5p. Even 8 profits slump and cautious

comments from Croda International did not weigh too heavily, with the shares up 25p to 332.5p.

Rolls-Royce announced more aero-engine orders but such was the market mood the shares promptly nose-dived - down 18p at 2200. Deals off the order book suggested the fall was nearer 11p.

SHARE SPOTLIGHT share price, pence YULE CATTO 400-



BG (British Gas) was little changed at 370.5p. At one time the shares were 7.75p higher Salomon Smith Barney and Sutherlands increased their target price to 418p

from around 385p. RJB Mining lost 11p to 106.5p on continuing worries about the coal industry, and Rackwood Mining, said to be the bidder for Waverley Mining, fell 2p to 20.5p as hardpressed Waverley strengthened 0.75p to 13.5p.

Amusement machine group Kunick provided the day's profit warning, tumbling 4.75p to 2875p. Rank, oo disappointing figures,

lost 19p to 309p. House of Fraser, the department stores chain, shaded to 142.5p after SG Securities downgraded its profits estimate from £35m to £32.5m.

ahead 5.5p to 480.5p. Henderson Crosthwaite is keen. It expects strong first-half growth and is looking for the shares to go to 650p. Marston Thompson & Evershed, the Burton-on-Trent-based brewer of Pedigree bitter, held at 272.5p. Silchester International Investors, a US fund management group, has acquired a taste for the shares and in nine months it has

built a 10.13 per cent stake. The regional brewer has underperformed. Its shares have fallen sharply from 360p in the spring. The

company, with its solid profits record, seems an out of the way choice for a US investment group. Cortecs, the drugs group, was

ruffled by a big trade below the then market price, falling 10p to 52.5p at one time. The shares ended 2p off at 60.5p. Shield Diagnostic firmed a further 30p to 605p. Its executive directors are in the US and there are hopes it will clinch a licensing

deal shortly. TLG, the lighting group, brightened 2p to 137.5p. It has disclosed bid talks which seems to have encouraged Wassall, aiming to be an aggressive investment group, to in-Flextech, the broadcaster, edged crease its interest. It picked up a further 2.5 million shares and now

has 11.39 per cent. Many observers believe Wassall an unlikely hidder and its buying spree would suggest it hopes

to cash in if the hidder does appear. BKG Resources, the old Bakyrchik Gold, was suspended at 4.5p. It is buying Conpor, which converts natural gas to figuid petroleum products, in exchange for shares. The deal represents a reverse takeover. Shares of the Russian gold miner nearly hit 600p two years ago.

SEAO VOLUME: 896.1m SEAQ TRADES: 64,133 GILTS INDEX: 105.79 +0.04 A COMPANY specialising in the maintenance of social housing is heading for Ofex, the fringe share market. Spring Grove Property Maintenance is hoping to raise around £1.2m (the minimum is £300,000) by selling shares at 50n. The company is five years old and provides day-to-day maintenance for 20 social landlords. It offers illustrative profit projections of £290,000 this year, reaching £1.4m in 2001. The issue has been accompanied by rumours that Roche, a privately-owned property group run by the Tchenguiz brothers, is

DOWNTEX, a textile group, made a quiet AIM dehut. closing at 27p against a 25p placing. The company provides branded and own brand household textiles, which takes it into character merchandising. It is on the look-out for acquisitions.

interested in taking a stake.

Dealings should start later

this month.

Teare needs a miracle to make Rank work

SO THE CLOCK is ticking for Andrew Teare, Institutional investors have given the embattled chief executive of Rank, the Butlins-to-hingo leisure group, another six months in which to prove that his strategy is working. And oo the evidence of yesterday's firsthalf figures, he needs something approaching a miracle to

This is a tad harsh on Mr Teare, who has done what he could with Rank's portfolio of mature husinesses. But at the moment, the City is not giving him much hope. Analysts were vesterday husily downgrading forecasts after what they saw as a disappointing set of interim results.

It was hard to find a part of Rank that really sparkled. worst lift was the houdays of vision, which suffered from grim weather and the closure of several Butlins sites for refurhishment. Trading in the cinemas and nightclubs, meanwhile, was hit by the World

Hard Rock's 15 per cent jump in operating profits was entirely down to new venues and hrand extensions like beer and records: like-for-like sales in the restaurants fell 6 per

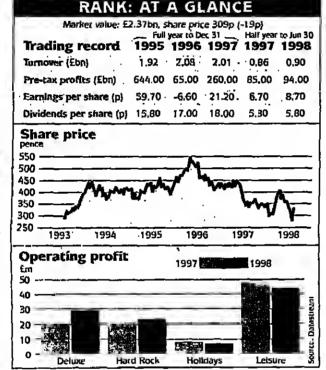
The only ray of light was the Deluxe video copying and film processing unit, where profits jumped 45 per cent.

With the second half looking little hrighter - holiday bookings are down 3.5 per cent so far and an economic slowdown on the horizon, Rank looks less likely than ever to achieve the required 15 per cent return on the investments Mr Teare has

Analysts now forecast fullyear profits of around £300m. putting the shares, which fell 19p to 309p vesterday on a forward p c multiple of around 11. £102m and the switch to US ac-Although the shares probably won't fall much further, it's hard to see any prospect of recovery. However, with the possibility of US venture capital groups ending the sorry tale with a hostile hid existing shareholders should sit tight.

INVESTMENT

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Can Select keep up the pace?

THE PERFORMANCE of the recruitment company Select Appointments has defied belief in recent years. Its shares have doubled in the last year and risen by a factor of 20 in the last five years.

The company is now valued at over £1hn, which stretches credulity for a business that yesterday reported first-half profits of \$20m, even if the figures were up nearly 70 per cent on the previous year. Select is now reporting in dollars after its listing in America earlier this year, which raised counting regulations also means it has scrapped its

dividend. The question for investors, of course, is: can the company keep up this pace?

The City certainly seems

supportive, marking the shares

up another 12.5p to 1019p yesterday. Analysts like the wide geographic spread and Select's strategy of avoiding low-margin,

high-volume contracts. Like all recruitment companies. Select claims to be protected from a downturn. It has certainly been acquisitive, buying eight husinesses so far this year, and now has operations in 22 countries and 17 different sectors including IT, legal, administration, financial and healthcare: Only 5 per cent of its business is in permanent jobs, which are more sensitive

to economic fluctuations. Operating margins rose from 5.3 per cent to 6 per cent and large parts of its office network have been open for less than three years, meaning they have yet to reach optimum performance.

It all sounds very gung-ho but the fact remains that recruitment is a cyclical sector whose assets - its staff - can walk out of the door. On full-year

forecasts of £50m, the shares trade on a forward multiple of 34. Though the record is hard to fault, that looks quite high enough for now. And after the run of the last few years there has to he an argument for taking profits.

Mayflower is back on course

MAYFLOWER has been sailing in calmer waters in recent times. Since last year's ill-fated attempt to take over its bigger rival Vickers, the auto parts maker has gone back to basics and concentrated on its core

businesses. This strategy is bearing fruit, as vesterday's 22 per cent jump in first-half profits to £19.6m shows. The strike at General Motors, one of Mayflower's biggest customers, had only a limited impact, cutting £1.5m from its US operations' turnover. This was more than offset by sales growth in the UK

and Europe. The company is also sound ing positively aggressive on acquisitions, saying that it plans to spend its £250m war chest very shortly.

So why did the shares plunge over 6 per cent yesterday to 206p? True, the shares had risen ahead of the results. But the market's caution stems mainly from the uncertainty over Mayflower's future.

For a start, although the GM strike is now over, it will cost Mayflower a further £4.5m in sales in the second half as the GM plants slowly return to normality. Secondly, earnings growth could be hit by a downturn in the UK economy, which is set to hit car manufacturers

Finally, and more importantly, the shares have risen 14 per cent this year, outpacing other engineering groups. After yesterday's slide, they still trade on 8 multiple of 16.5 times forecast 1998 earnings - a premium to rivals such as Lucas-Varity and TL For the moment, that's high enough.

TLG holding TLG, the former Thorn

Lighting Group, said Wassall PLC had bought 2,500,000 shares - 1.33 per cent - to take its total holding to 21,390,000 or 11.39 per cent. On Monday TLG announced it had received an approach which could lead to an offer for the group, hut refused to say whether the approach had come from Wassall.

Wassall first bought a stake in the group - formerly Thorn Lighting Group - in February 1997 and has since characterised its holding as merely an "investment".

£16m sale of PSL

SKILLSGROUP, the information technology company, has sold its Unix products distribution business, PSL, to Apax Partners and the PSL management team for £16m.

Skillsgroup said the move was in line with its strategy skills-based activities. Of the total, £15.5m will be paid in cash on completion, with £500,000 deferred but becoming payable in the event of an eventual successful resale or flotation of PSL by the new owners.

Radius deferral RADIUS has said that its

independent directors recommended the deferral of any action on the bid approach made yesterday to the group from Torex. The computer systems group had said that its non-executive directors would consider a £21.7m bid launched on Monday by computer management group Torex. Radius is subject to a 55p a share offer from a buyout group, Sudiar, which includes Radius executive directors.

BKG to buy

BKG RESOURCES - formerly Bakyrchik Gold - confirmed that it intended to acquire Conpor for an issue of about 119 million BKG shares. BKG hares were suspended under AIM rules from the start of husiness today. The company will apply for its shares to be re-admitted to trading after an egm.

The hawk with a sense of history

SIRALAN BUDD, distinguished economist and hawkish member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, has time to review history books as well as defeat inflation.

Sir Alan, who lives in the posher end of Kentish Town, London, is a keen reviewer for the Hampstead and Highgate Express, or Ham and High, as it is known.

Last Friday he gave a qualified thumbs up to a biography of Clive of India, Clive, by Robert Harvey (Hodder & Stoughton, £20).

Sir Alan writes of the 18thcentury adventurer: "Should we feel proud or ashamed of the man who in effect founded Britain's Indian Empire, who fought and won some extraordinary battles, often against gained a vast personal fortune from these victories, who was prepared to do deals with villains and who ended his life reviled and condemned hut who sought to control the excesses of economic colonialism and can be seen as laying the foundations of impartial colonial administration?

No doubt Sir Alan, whose reviewing proclivities are well known within Threadneedle Street, will be concentrating solely on the job in hand when the MPC meets today and tomorrow to conder interest rates.

STRJ. AT the Bank all our hest wishes go to the Secretary of the Bank, Peter Rodgers, a former financial editor of this very organ, who is back at work just a fortnight after breaking his arm in two places.

Cap'n Rodgers, a keen sailor, ducked just too late when his son and a couple of friends "jibbed" while sailing off the south coast. Coming up from below, Mr Rodgers was whacked by the mainsail, and had to be taken to Torquay Hospital to be patched up.

He is now back at work sporting a gleaming white plaster and sling. Apparently noone has been allowed to sign the plaster. All due to some arcane Bank policy, no doubt. PEOPLE AND Business

BY JOHN WILLCOCK



THE GOVERNMENT is proposing a new type of open-ended unanthorised fund to be sold to institutions by financial "Puncs".

This stands for Pooled Unauthorised Companies. and has oothing to do with the Sex Pistols or pogoing. I am assured. The Treasury has floated the idea of Puncs as part of a consultation on the planned Financial Services and Markets Bill. Apparently a Punc is "like an unanthorised Ocic" (Open-Ended Investment Company). It all sounds thoroughly unpleasant.

Speaking of daft acronyms, most of you probably think Opra is the name of an American chat show hostess. In fact it's the moniker for the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority.

A FORMER Governor of the Bank of England, Sir Robin Leigh Pemberton, now Lord Kingdsown, has a younger brother. Jeremy Leigh Pemberton, who yesterday completed a nine-year term as chairman of Mid Kent Holdings,

the owner of Mid Kent Water. Leigh Pemberton Junior led a successful management defence of the water utility against a hostile bid by General Utilities and SAUR launched in December 1996, a battle which dragged on until last year. He is succeeded as chairman of Mid Kent Water by Robert Leigh. chairman of Eurodis Electron. a supplier of electronic and computer components.

The Leigh Pembertons are big in Kent, Lord Kingsdown's son farms (like his father) at Worms Hill, near Faversham, Kent. About six months ago he had an entire new orchard stolen by "fruit rustlers". Jeremy Leigh Pemberton plans to continue with his many business and public interests in the county.

UNDER THE headline "Licensed to Speak", a press release has landed on my desk which declares that "Dame Stella Rimington, former director general of the Security Service MI5, has agreed to be the guest speaker Gala Dinner" on 12 November.

I'm sure the computer salesmen of Reigate and marketing executives of Virginia Water could do with a few tips on covert operations and assassination techniques.

Sadly a spokesman for the Surrey Training & Enterprise Council (TEC1, which is organising the awards, says Dame Stella's skills in managing 2,000 staff at MI5 and "managing change at the agency' will be the main talking points.

"Surrey was a dormitory county until fairly recently. Now we have to learn how to deal with husinesses which are growing up here," says the TEC spokesman.

I hope she keeps awake.

GREG McMAHON is leaving the Manchester office of Garretts, the law firm associated with accountancy giant Arthur Andersen, to become company secretary and head of legal services at Airtours.

A good career move for Mr McMahon, no doubt, hut his defection must be worrying to Garretts, coming as it does just months after Andersen's aborted merger with another law firm. Wilde Sapte. Mixing accountancy and law firms is proving a lot more difficult than the pundits forecast.

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Born-again Little rules at Britannia

Phil Shaw talks to the former Aston Villa manager about the challenge facing his new team, Stoke City, as the Nationwide League begins on Saturday

NOTHING ILLUSTRATES the dramatic change in Brian Little's career path better than the decline in his purchasing power. A year ago he splashed out £7m to take Stan Collymore to Aston Villa. This summer's signings for Stoke City have all been free-transfer men.

Little vacated the Premiership stage six months ago with Villa days away from a Uefa Cup quarterfinal. Resurfacing at Stoke after their relegation to the Second Division, he joined a club bereft of funds and plagued by strife between directors and fans.

No one, however, should feel sorry for Little or assume he has falleo on hard times. He left Villa Park of his own volition and is under no illusions as to the extent of Stoke's problems. Moreover, to watch him

'I liked the new ground and earthiness of the people. I saw a club that should be pushing for the Premiership'

at work on the training pitch and to hear him talk is to be struck by his renewed appetite for the fray.

Gone is the haunted figure who had "grown sick of everything that detracted from playing football"; who could not conceal his irritation when continually pressed to unravel the Collymore commdrum or the enigma of Savo Milosevic.

He was able to enjoy the World Cup on television from his new home, 15 minutes from the Britannia Stadium. Crucially, after "16 years non-stop work", he claims he has finally learned how to take a holiday.

It would be Stoke's good fortune to have acquired the "old" Little the tactically astute manager-coach promotion before a largely ed I quite fancied it, I told myself: successful spell back at his first club - as well as most of his backroom or years, what I can't do is start wishstaff at Villa.

But one has to ask: whatever poslevel as nearby Macclesfield?

When I left Villa I wanted a off, maybe a year."

been free to return to the top flight sealed their fate. following the annual autumn cull.



New beginnings for Brian Little as he looks out over the new Stoke City ground he admires so much and reflects on what lies ahead for the club this season

Barry Greenwood

who led Darlington and Leicester to them out of courtesy. After I decid-, or motorbikes or going out at night, Whether I stay six weeks, months ing I'd hung on for this or that'.

"If I wanted to be a manager in sessed him to come to a club now a the Premiership I would have stayed division below the Potteries' "other" with Villa. I'll always love the club team. Port Vale. and at the same and it was a great job for me, which I thoroughly enjoyed."

That still does not explain why he breather from the game," Little chose Stoke, weeks after sitting in says. "I thought I'd take six months his Majorcan holiday home and watching coverage of the 5-2 sur-Had he done that, he would have render to Manchester City which

"When Stoke came to me I wasn't person who, when he decides to do great Leeds side. Stoke lost but there Stoke up. I could have asked for a Darlington, who dropped into the just goes and does it. I felt like a challenge. I liked the new ground and the earthiness of the people. I also saw this as a club that should at least be

pushing for the Premiership." His wife, Heather, who he met while working as Villa's youth coach after injury curtailed a hugely promising career as a striker, is a Staffordshire girl. Furthermore, Little retained a good impression of Stoke from his adolescence.

> "When I was about 13 I came down here from Durham as a trialist and they let me travel with the first team to a match against the

looking for anything, but I talked to something, whether it's driving cars were these great experienced play- five-year deal but this way they Vauxhall Conference before he led ers like George Eastham and Peter won't feel under pressure if it's not them to two promotions in succes-Dohing. I really enjoyed it and, working. I'll oversee the youth polthough I ended up at Villa, I kept that .icy, sure, but my priority is the first positive memory."

Stoke's most successful era, under the late Tony Waddington, was notable as much for the team's rugged local backbone as for the ballplayers who followed the trail woven hy Stanley Matthews. The area has always produced a high proportion of players, but Little does not have the luxury of waiting for talent to

filter through. role is a short-term one. I've set myself a two-year target to try to get

Last season's record also included a 7-0 home defeat by Birmingham, but Little insists that everyone starts with a clean slate. "Tve tried to look back no further than the day I joined and not to look main stand. for excuses I might need in the future," he says.

In terms of Stoke's fan base, he sees similarities with Leicester. He "I'm honest enough to say that my concedes that the more valid comparison, vis-a-vis resources and the low starting point, might be with

sion on a shoestring budget.

The Stoke faithful, while not relenting in their hostility to the a couple of guys to deal with." board, have rallied behind Little. His first meeting with the supporters' club was scheduled for a function room that holds 400. So many turned up that it had to be switched to the

Little has taken advantage of the Bosman ruling to bolster his squad, signing Craig Short, David Oldfield, Phil Rohinson and Bryan Small, while reviving a penchant for coaching that was shackled at Villa by the office workload.

"I used to have the national daily press, the Sundays, the evenings. two or three TV channels and various local-radio stations, all wanting a different angle. Here I've just got

Scrutiny may intensify if the potless Potters make the promotion push their followers anticipate and the new incumbent can expect to come under the spotlight in November. Thirty years after he and his brother Alan started out at Villa, they will have their first managerial duel when Stoke face York.

It will, I suggest, be a great day. "Not for our parents," says Brian Little, breaking into the laugh of a boro-again football man.

League unveils superstars of the century

THE FOOTBALL League has unveiled the names of its "100 League Legends" on a commemorative list designed as part of the celebrations for the forthcoming centenary season.

Six current Premiership players are on the list picked by football journalists - Tony Adams, Paul Gascoigne, Alan Shearer, Ryan Giggs, Peter Schmeichel and Dennis Bergkamp - while Eric Cantona also features.

The idea, however, was to choose players from all eras of the game's sation. development to emphasise the

League's history.
While David Beckham and Michael Owen may be considered too young to warrant a place, many a debate will no doubt be sparked by the omission of internationals such as Jack Charlton, Trevor Brooking. David Seaman, Ian Wright and Peter Beardsley.

The list features 34 players whose careers began before the Second World War, starting with West Bromwich Alhion's Billy Bassett, who played in the 1880s, through Stanley Matthews.

There are a further 37 players who started after the war hut had all retired by 1980, from Nat Lofthouse. Bobby Chariton, Geoff Hurst and Denis Law.

The remaining 29 players have all played during the 1980s or 1990s, from Martin Peters and George Best, through Malcolm Macdonald. Peter Shilton and Kevin Keegan to Glenn Hoddle, Kenny Dalglish and Gary Lineker.

Those of the "100 Legends" who can attend will be hoooured with a specially commissioned award at a Football League centenary dinner later this coming season - the 100th in the history of the organi-

The Football League's chief executive, Richard Scudamore, said: The committee had an immensely difficult task to choose just 100 League Legends' but I think that the list they have confirmed is almost impossible to better."

Sir Stanley, who played from 1932 to 1965, said: "I think this is a wonderful initiative and it's great to see so many of my footballing friends and colleagues on the League Legends

Sir Tom Finney added: "It's a great honour to be nominated as a Dixie Dean, Tommy Lawton and Sir Football League legend among so many outstanding players."

Other centenary season initiatives include the establishment of a list of "local heroes" at each of the 72 through to Billy Wright and on to Sir Football League clubs, as well as the production of commemorative pub-

Billy Bassett - West Bromwich Albion (1888-1900) Archie Hunter - Aston Villa (1888-1891)

John Goodall - Preston, Derby, New Brighton, Glossop (1888-1904) Steve Bloomer - Derby, Middlesbrough (1892-1915) Billy Meredith (pictured below) - Northwich Victoria, Man-

chester City, Manchester United (1893-1925) Bob Crompton - Blackburn (1896-1921) Billy Foulke - Sheffield United. Chelsea. Bradford (1894-1908) Alf Common - Sunderland, Sheffield United, Middlesbrough, Arsenal, Preston (1900-1915) Sam Hardy - Chesterfield, Liverpool, Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest (1902-1926) Bill McCracken - Newcastle (1904-Viv Woodward - Tottenham, Chelsea

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Joe Mercer - Everton, Arsenal (1932-1954) Raich Carter - Sunderland, Derby, Hull (1932-1953) Peter Doherty - Blackpool, Manchester City, Derby, Huddersfield, Doncaster (1933-1954) Frank Swift - Manchester City (1933-1951) Tommy Lawton - Burnley. Everton, Chelsea. Notts County. Brentford, Arsenal (1935-1957)

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FROM BASSETT TO BERGKAMP: THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE'S HALL OF FAME Neil Franklin - Stoke, Hull, Crewe, Stockport (1946-1958) Trevor Ford - 5wansea, Aston Villa, Sunderland, Cardiff, Newport (1946-1961)

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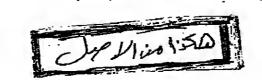
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SATURDAY 10 APRIL SATURDAY 13 MARCH FIRST DIVISION FIRST OIVISION Bradford v Porstrouter
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OPR v West Brom
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Carlisle v Hull
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Exeter v Rotherham
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Rochdale v Chester

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Hull v Torquay
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BY STUART ALEXANDER at Cowes

STEPHEN FEIN took home the Aisher Salver yesterday after his 25-year-old Full Pelt gave everyone else in Class 2 a sailing lesson here. However, he is not very happy about the state of sailboat racing in the United Kingdom.

The system, he feels, has worked against him for years. So this week Fein and his long-time collaborator, the 1984 Olympic bronze medallist Jo Richards, have put their radical yacht in a cradle on the hard and plumped for the traditional.

The Sparkman & Stephensdesigned Swan 48 which they are campaigning here, and will soon he taking to Sardinia, is heavier than all the previous boats he has

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er, a Formula 40 catamaran, a Formula 28 catamaran and two Etchells. It is the 36-footer that is oo the hard and the Swan is 10 times its weight. The 36-footer has a handicap rating which puts it in Class 1, the Swan, 12ft longer, is half-way down Class 2.

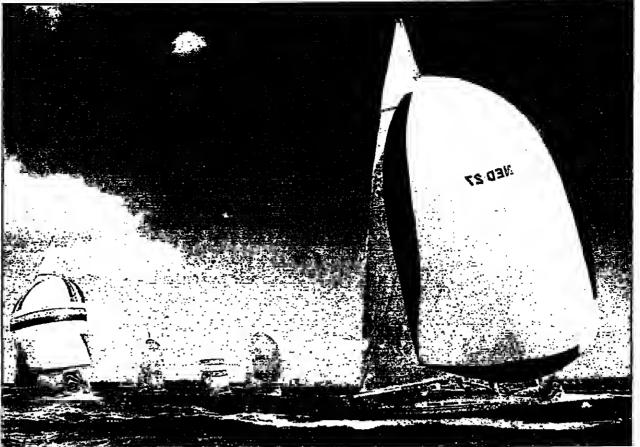
Fein makes his point forcefully. "What encouragement is there to build a light, fast boat?" he asks. "Absolutely none; you'll oever win a race. There is no eocouragement to push design forward. So, until the new IR2000 measurement rule heing introduced by the Royal Ocean racing Club is clear, we can't build a new boat "

Fein very much wants to build a new boat. He is confideot he can sell the Swan and be just loves to give Richards his head when it comes to deraced put together. That means sign. It was a joke when they

heavier than a 40-footer, a 36-foot- said the 36ft water-ballasted flyer has been huilt to rules which complied with Swiss trailer regulations, hut they were almost forced into exile because they were punished at home for being innovative. "In Italy and Switzerland people came to look at the boat and admire it. Here it is dismissed as

> a cowboy's boat," he says. Reluctant to try to form a breakaway groop in Britain, he ploughs his own furrow. Never even invited to discuss his views by the sport's organisers, he is frustrated by attitudes he feels are out of date. "They need owners, but

there are two kinds of owner," he says. "Those who know what league they are in themselves. and are happy to let those who are better get oo with it, and those who want to drag every-one down to their level."



Tonnerre, a Class 1 yacht, under spinnaker ahead of the fleet at Cowes yesterday

charge on confused day

CONFUSION REIGNED in Cowes yesterday as yachts sailing in both Class 2 and 3 races were asked first to sail one course and then another, writes Stuart Alexaoder.

Those who sailed the changed course - broadcast twice on the radio - thought their results should stand Those who did not, either wanted the race thrown out or their own result acknowledged.

But there was no doubt in the minds of those who sailed the proper course about who should have won. The wirmer all the way round was Stephen Fein's Swan 48 Full Pelt with the Olympic bronze medallist Jo Richards, Kiwi Flying Dutchman sailor Graham Deegan, and long-time Solent expert Chris Preston calling the shots at the back.

A new trio headed Class I with two galden aldies, the Swan 65 Accurist and the 12-Metre Crusader, sandwiching the J90 J Lance 2.

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KEMPTON

6.00 Monument 6.30 Sheer Native 7.00 Casimir 7.30 Huntswood 8.00 Wayne Lukas 8.30 Ron's

GOING: Good 10 Firm.
STALLS: Straight course - stands side; remainder - inside.
CRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best for 51 & 71.
REPART-hand course, Separate straight course for 51 & 61. Practic

Racecourse is on A308 at Sunbury. Bus link from Richmond Under-■ Racecourse is on A308 at Sunbury, Bus link from Richmond Underground station. Kempton Park railway station adjoins the course. ADMISSION: Citub 214 (16 to 25-year-citis 53), Grandstand & Paddock C19; Silver Ring C5. CAR PARK. Members £2; remainder, tree. ■ LEADING TRAINERS: R Hammon 33-259 (127-b), Str is Stoute 7:94 (831%), J Dunlop 16-118 (136%), H Cacil 14-65 (215%), ■ LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery 41-89 (206%), T Outling 30-235 (128%), W Ryan 10-102 (88%), S Sanders 10-107 (83%), B ENNKERED FIRST TIME: Officisha (7:30), Soft Touch (8:30), Mighty Magle (visored, 8:00).

16	: nn i	VODDENTICE HANDICAD (CI VCC E)
2		APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E)
		£4,000 added 1m 4f
1		FAIRY KNIGHT (35) (CD) R Hannon 8 13 0 P Dobbe (3) 7
2	000105	STATAJACK (33) (CD) D Esworth 13 9 to N Pollard 3 B
3	30-553	MONUMENT (20) (C) (BF) J King 0 9 1 A Havilin 1
4	-30001	MYSTIC QUEST (9) (D) K McAuffle 4 9 1 (6ex) Doubtle 5
5	1-3216	MYSTAGOGUE (179) R Hannon 3 B 13 L Newman (7) 4

FORM VERDICT

There are substantial doubts hanging over all of these numbers with the withdrawel of Mystic Quest, MONUMENT is given a temptive vide in the hope that he will get the run of the race Klerans Bridge would be nativesting if one could be ca-

	6	.30	ROWE & MAW MAIDEN SKY
			2YO 7f
	1		BERGAMO J Noseda 9 9 O Hind 19
	2		COMPTON ACE G A Suiter 9 9
	3		FINAN J Duntop 99T Sprake 4
	Ā	00	GREYFIELD (24) M Channon 90 P Chany (7) 17
	5		KANZ WOOD (USA) (39) W Mair 9 9
	6	-	KONDOTY (USA) M Charmon 90 T Quina 1
	Ť	00	MARCO'S PAL (32) A Janis 90 D Sweeney 7
	8		SEPTEMBER HARVEST (14) B Machan 90
•	9	•••	SHARH Mrs J Cecl 90
	13	233	TAMMAM (21) C Bensteed 90
	n		TIK DRUM R Harmon 9 9 Dane O'Reil 11
	12	0664	WOLF TOOTH (14) D Elevorth 90 K Pollard (5) 14
	13		JUNO MARLOWE (29) P Herrs 89
	ũ	•	KERALIA SI M Sinum 89
	16		MOUTON J Hills 88
	16	~	SHEER NATIVE (52) & His & 9 J D Smith (2) 3
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	17		VALDINI P Harrs 8 9

BETTING: 7-2 Kersila, 8-1 Tarmers, 8-1 Fren, Kers Wood, 10-1 Bergamo, Wol Tooth, Jone Meriows, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT
The market should meal cluss as, with the exception of June Markets, those with experience look nothing out of the ordinary, June Markets is bound to win a man before long, but here are some intensing newtoness against her here notably Frien. Tin Drum and KERALIA, who can get of to a woming start.

7.00 TATTERSALLS AUCTION SKY added 2YO 6f _D Sweezey 6 _M: Roberts 3 ...G Hind 2 -- 7 decigned --BETTING: 11-4 Casimir, 7-2 Red Lino, 9-2 Miss Rimex, 11-2 Xeyron, 13-2 Moon zard, 6-1 Oh | Say, 16-1 Oo Ee Be.

FORM VERDICT Five of these have had plenty of chances but Red Llon and CASIMER clear by have potential for improvement. That applies in particular to Casimir, who wor in good style test time cust on only his second start. Make Rispes cannot be ruled

3	1-5520	SECOND WIND (20) (SF) P Cole 95
ż	61022	FREDORA (14) (CD) M Benshard 96
-		HEVER GOLF RANGER (33) T.J. Naughton 97
7	7.30	GUINNESS HANDICAP (CLASS SKY C) £8,000 added 3YO 7f
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4	334012	FREE OPTION (21) 8 Harbury 83 N Callen (5) 6
	250002	HUNTSWOOD (3) (D) (SF) A Hannon 9 6Pet Eddery 4
	55	CORONET (67) (85) A Severt 8 2
1	830	COLD CLIMATE (75) (BF) Bob Jones B 12 T Sprain 5
6	130304	EL BAPREE (13) M Janes 67 P Dos (5) 19
•		YOUNG-UN (42) S DOW B B
1		FRANCE FAIR (13) (D) (BP) OL Moore 83R Mallen (3) 1
1		DEKUSHA (5) B Mechan 6 (
1	ETTING 6-	Free Option, Frankis Fak, 6-1 Huntswood, Coronat, Differente.
		16-1 Second Wind, Elberree, 14-1 others
		FORM VEROICT

Only 11 survers load a very competitive textideap, with most of the field thaving good recent efforts under these conditions. There is little to be said against Fredora, Huntarwood and Frankle Felir but SECOND WIND µas gets the vote in

1	3.00	STAKES (CLASS E) £4,000 added SKY 3YO 1m 1f
1	3-0	GOLDEN HAWK (LISA) (SS) P Cole 97
2	000230	WAITING KNOCHT (USA) (4) B Harbury 97 N Callan (5)
3	-00002	MICHTY MAGIC (20) O Eleverth 82 N Pollard (5) 2 \
4	0005	EBG WHEEL (18) (SF) M Pipe 9 1,
5	0-65	WAYNE LUKAS (29) K Cool 8 13 W Ryan 5
BE	TING E	ENS Wayne Lukas, 4-1 Golden Hawk, 9-2 Walting Knight, 6-

FORM VEROICT Walting Knight amply cannot be hused after his last two performances, and one cannot be see about the well-being or tractability of Golden Havel. On form, that leaves WAYNE LUKAS as a worthy levounitr

107.8 FM THAMES RADIO HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 addad to

akes in		
RBASON (22) (D) G L Moore 6 13 O Candy Morris 3	501602	1
FT TOUCH (13) Miss & Nelloway 3 9 7 P Fredericks (7) 9 B	4932	2
N'S PET (4) A Hannon 399 A Hughes 1	-00005	3
ARTER CHARTER (16) Mrs L Shabs 5 9 5 T Sprake 8	30-211	4
ONSTONE (7) A Jarvis 3 9 0 D Shirosney 7 V	001050	5
ADEMY (7) A Turnel 3 8 13 W Rynn 8	00-100	В
TER FORCE (7) G Baiding 38 : (Sext S Drowne 5	-00001	7
UNITAIN MAGIC [14] D Firench Davis 385 T Quint 4	-10050	8
NDOZA (23) (D) P Mitchel 4 8 2 A Mullen (3) 10	003305	В
DMAX (21) K Burke 3 8 1	0-300	13
ONOE (7) R Ingram 4 7 12 N Pellard (5) 12	200430	Ħ
CUBE (16) (C) (D) J M Bradley 8 7 to	500080	Ľ

num weight: 7st (Olb. True handicap weight: Mr Cube 7st Rb BETTING: 3-1 Smarter Charter, 5-1 Soft Touch, 6-1 Barbason, 7-1 Ron's Pel. 6-1 Water Force, 16-1 Moonstone, 12-1 Academy, Mr Cube, 14-1 others

SMARTER CHARTER may have been a be fortunate town at Beverely last time (numer-up Drive Assured would have got up in another stride) but he has conditions very much in his favour tonght and is still on a reasonable mark. Mr Cubo could be dangerous from the bottom of the handicap but is getting on now and may well be on the downgrade

LEICESTER

HYPERION

6.10 Dangerous Dancer 6.40 Incepta 7.10 Catfoot Lane 7.40 Ras Shaikh 8.10 Shohra Wa Jaah 8.40

GOING: Good (Good to Firm,in places). DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low to middle up to and including tm. ■ Right-hand, undulating course, with a straight mile.
■ Course is 2m SE of city off A6, Lalcestar station (London, S) Pan-cras - Snaffed ine) 2m, ADMISSION: Club €1; Tattersols €0 (OAPs Di). Picnic car park £25 admits car and four occupents. Pree race-

The Park Les authors car and our occupants free face-cards. CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS: R Humon 29-170 (171%), H Cecil 21-76 (276%), P Cole 13-116 (172%), B Hills 10-64 (156%), H LEADING JOCKEYS: J Reid 15-111 (135%), J Weaver 13-81 (187%), M Hills 12-119 (101%), R Cochrone 11-116 (95%).

FAVOURITES: 190-818 (307%).

BLI	NKEHEI	FIRST TIME: Krisamba & Cley Tourist (7:10).
6	.10	EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,60 added 2YO 5f
1 2 3	•	DANIELLE'S LAD (9) B Pairry 90
4 5	a	RM AGAIN (9) R Guest 9 0. R Cochrane TOP FIT W Haggar 9 0. P Robinson
6	000	CAREQUICK (9) A Bakey 8 9 O Urbina
7	2	DANGEROUS DANCER (S) B HIS 8 9 M HEIS
9	40	MADAME JIRY (USA) (19) P Cale 9 9 David O'Nell (7)
9		ON LOCATION M Tomplens 99 A Nicholis (5)
13	5	YABINT EL SHAM (12) BAN-Mahon 68

BETTING: 9-4 Dengerous Dancer, 3-1 Yabira El Sirum, 13-2 Danielle's Led. T-1 ine Jiry, 6-1 Top Fit, 12-1 fim Again, On Location, 18-1 others FORM VERGICT

Lownher enery National El Share dichnic to badly in an Account research race and in reference in the case of grade but preference in the DANGEROUS DANCER. who did enough on her first nun when second at Wholsoy to suggest after car

6	.40	BBC RADIO LEICESTER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 3YO 1m 2f
1	00001	TIEBREAKER (18) (D) N Grahem 9 7
2	0-05	JUST DESERTS (44) P Makin 9 3 J Fortune
3	0-40	SQUABBLE (15) A Johnson Houghton 9 2
4	50-100	LITTLE BRAVE (12) J Eustace 8 2
9	00-101	HUNT HELL (51) (D) Sr M Prescott 9 2
9	0-6304	INCEPTA (21) B Has 91
7	056106	SW00SH (12) J Gove 9 12
9	600-00	MIDNIGHT STING (18) J Jeriers 9 12
9		SHANAZ (32) D Burchell 97
13		COURAGE UNDER FIRE (37) D Arbultyot 9 2 C Padler
71	000	SONEVA (30) M A Buckley 8 2 P Robirson
12		SABRE BUTT (22) M Tomplum 0.2 A Michalls (5)
13		COURTNEY GYM (16) P Burgoyre T 13 Marshall

Mikimum weight: 7st 10th. True transfers weight: Courtney Gym 7st 88. BETTING: 5-2 Hard HIE, 7-1 Tiobreaker, Incopts, 8-1 Just Deserts, Courses Under Fire, Sebre Butt, 10-1 Little Brave, Swooth, 14-1 others FORM VEROICT

Hunt Hill has been placed with typical strewchess by its trainer but his form is unexceptional and he is thely to make the market. INCEPTA, who has sho some fair form is a solid option against him. with Little Breve a plausible out7.10 COVENTRY CLAIMING SKY

000 DARAJAT (18) J Portman 8 II ______ J Stack 12 0 JOEL ASH (22) S Boarray 8 12 _____ R Suchoines (5) 8 0 00004 TOP MATE (5) 6 Charles Jores 8 11 ____ R Suchoines (5) 8 0 0004 CATFOOT LANE (14) (CD) W G M Turner 8 10 _____ J Raid 14 600-00 DRAGON BOY (30) 1 Williams 9 7 ...

BETTING: T-2 Angeline, 4-1 Krisache, 11-2 Cathoot Lane, 8-1 Tisek Force, 8-1 Hevergolf Princess. 16-1 Comeoutofibelog, 14-1 Dragon Boy, Broughton Siren,

FORM VEROICT GELINA, who has the ability to win a race and is handed her best opportunity

7.4	0	WEATHERBYS MEDIAN AUCTION SKY MAIDEN STAKES (F) £3,000 2YO 67
1		ALHASAD (USA) A Seven 8 9
2		ASCAPI P Harris 9 D
3		ASTERLANE W MAGNETS C. R Conference
4	00	AUDICITY (28) G Louis 9 0
5		BOB'S BUSTER (\$7) J.L. Hants 90 Deur McKeours
6	-	ESCORT W Hagges 96 K Durley :

GREEN GENGER (26) A Streeter 9 0 _____ A Michaels (5) 18 KIDNAPPED (20) Mrs A King 90...... A Daily (3) 1 0 ZUCCHERO (19) O Arbutmat 90 ______ 8 Whitworth 12 JO'S PRINCESS J Juniore 89. MEZZA LUNIA B McAbith 9 9... ___. P Robbission 17 54 PANSY (16) J Bustons 89 J J Table 11 02 PATSY STORE (20) M Kettle 89 A McCarthy (5) 0 SILVER MIST (18) B McMaton BB L Newton 2 = 22 declared = BETTING: 8-4 ledien Warrior, 5-1 Res Shelidi, 8-1 Kinterio, 16-1 Albased, 12-1 Meer Trandets, 14-1 Ores Enough, Parsy, 16-1 others

FORM VERDICT Despite the big field this tooks to be between the two form horses, Rain Shuilids and INCXAN WARRIOR. The former's Assut third is hard to assess but the time

	and was du	en a pd totti podst az Goodwood du Salatralik
8	3.10	HARBY CLASSIFIED STAKES (E) £3,750 3YO 1m 3f 183yd
1	323300	SMILET (18) W.Javis 92
2	0602	GENETIC (15) P Waleryn 9 0
3	50-002	MARK OF PROPHET (40) J Barks 9 0 Fortune
4	6-4335	SHOHRA WA JAAH (15) M Javis 90 P Roblemon
5	42322	MANNEGUIN (34) (EF) 8 His 0 11

WINDSTORM (89) H Morrison 99....... C Ratter 16 was unanceptional, so preference is for Indian Warriar, wh

BETTING: 11-8 Mennegués, 4-1 Genetic, 9-2 Shotus We Jack, 5-1 Simiet, 6-1

7-1 Bestemor, 6-1 Abundance, Academy Star, 16-1 others FORM VEROICT

Mouche had been directering to get her head in front much earlier than Redcar test month. That should have given her confidence but she's never been one to take 8 skirry price about and better value could be hed with ELLA LAMEES. who is essentially well treated, running into form and looking ready to leave sorrit

RACING RESULTS

2.00: (5f seiling stakes, 2yo)
1. IVORY'S PROMISE _N Pollard 6-4 fav Also ran: 4-1 Ladycake, 11-1 Supermatch, 14-1 Credenza, 16-1 Daniellos Lass, 16-1 Highland Crumpet (5th), 25-1 Sounds Ludy (6th), 50-1 Dring Dong, 50-1 Power Glow, 50-1 Royal Tamagon (4th), 50-1 The Dirk. 13 ran, won by sh-hd, 3%, nk, 1,2%, jwin ivory). Tots. £240, £140, £240, £340. Dual Forecast £750 Computer Straight Forecast:

7 ran. 7 . 1s. 5. 5. 1% (winner chestnut geld

1. APPLE SAUCE N Cardsle 11-4 fav Also: 7-2 Songaheet (5th), 6-1 Nobalino. Petarga (4th), 10-1 Mangus, 12-1 Tinker Os-maston (6th), 20-1 Out Like Magic. 9 ran. Nk, nk, 1%, sh-hd, 2, (winner bay filly by Prince Sabo out of Mrs Bacon, trained by Gerald Cottrell at Culiompton, for Mrs B Skinner). Total: win £390; £190, £290, £380. Oual Forecast: £1280. CSF: £2147. Tricast:

3.30: (5f 16) yds clamer) 10 ran. Nk, 3. 11/2, 2, 1/2 (witner grey gelding by Sastoblest out of See Frei, trained Mick Charmon at Upper Lambourn, for Michael A Foyt, Totle: D820; \$180, \$10, \$220. DF: £6.70 CSF: \$9.71.

4.00: (m handicao) _R Brisland 9-1 2. WarringPaul Eddery 9-2 3. Pas De MemoiresJ F Egan 9-1 Also: 9-4 lav Welcome Heights (Sth), 10-1 Lucky Archer, Penmar, 12-1 Gypsy Hil, 14-1 Aficonado (Sth), 8-1 Green Power, Nisaba, 20-1 Final Stah, Norminator Lad (4th), 25-1 Star Turn, 33-1 Johyheck. 14 ran. 11., shd, 1, 1/2, sh-hd. (winner bay gelding by Relial Pricher out of Fragrant Hackette trained by Gary Moore at Brighton, for Phil Collins), Tote: \$10.10; \$2.20, \$2.20.

2. Livius ______ G Faulitner evens fav 3. Fields Of Omagh _____ D Griffiths 7-1

for Phil Collins), Tote: \$10.10; \$2.20, \$2.20, \$2.20, \$2.60, OF: \$15.30, CSF; \$46.08, Tricast; \$268.

Also: 4-1 Windy Gulch (Sth), 9-1 Keen Dancer, 11-1 Zany Lady (6th), 33-1 Typhoon Lad (4th).

7 ran. sh-hd, 1/s, 1, 3, 1/s. (wrener bey hilly by Syntos out of Carnambe, trained by Jeff King at Swindon, for Dajam Ltd). Tote: win £6.10; C280, £150, DF: £4.40, CSF: £1.06. Jackpot: \$7,00 - pert wort. Pool of \$4,93,78 camed forward to Pontefrect today. Placepot: \$52,50. Quadpot: \$13,10. Place 8: \$27,70. Place 5: \$1781

CATTERICK 2.15: 1. RIVERBLUE (J Forune) 4-6 fav. 2. High Regard 3-1: 3. Olvarce Action 4-1 7 ran. /r. 4. (Mrs. J Ramaden, Thirsk). Tota: £180: £10. £160. Dual Forecast: £180. CSF:

2.45: 1. LAST LAP (W Supple) 13-8 lav; 2. Pardan 3-1: 3. Outbbling 13-2 7 ran. 3, 4 (T Easterby, Malton) Tote: £290, £180 £170. OF: 1330. CSF. EE71. NF: LUCKY BY Phar. No bid for the wriner 2.15: 1. BROCTUNE GOLD (A Cuhene) 12-1, 2. Tropical Beach 14-1; 3. Arberig 6-1, 19 rtm. 17, nd. (Mrs. M. Peveley, Seitburn). Total: £150; £400, £360, £310, £230, DF. £14120, CSF; £167:10. Tricast. £1384.72. NR: Calendrian

Celandine. 3.45: 1. CLIBURNEL NEWS (A Mulen) 10-1; 2. Eternity 9-4 iav: 3. Yourulco 100-30 8 ron. 2. Yr (D Shaw Newark), Tote: £12.30; £210 £120, £1.10 Dual Forecast; £18.10, CSF: £2318. Theast: £5361 Non Runners: Martun. Zogy's Viola. 4.15: 1. NIGHT CITY (D Sweeney) 6-4 tav; 2. Give An Inch 6-1; 3. Moon Blest 13-8. 16 ran. V. 3. (K Burke Wantage) Totac 5290; 51:0. 51:40. \$1:10. Duel Forecast: \$7:00. CSF-

£14.24. 4.45: 1. SUNSET HARBOUR (J. Fortune) 12-1: 2. Lady Sheriff 11-2; 3. Sharp Gayle 8-1, 17 ram. sh-hd, 11/r (S Kettlewell, Mid-deham). Tote: £1810; £290, £310, £210, £310.

8rian Meehan's juvenile. Chalenges, had to settle for fifth in the Prix des Yearlings over seven furlongs at Deauville yesterday. John Reid's mount showed good early speed before weakening from the distance and finishing four and half lengths behind the impressive winner Plissetskaia. Domingue Boeuf's mount (5-1) made smooth progress one out and ran on well to beat Stella Berine by two

■ Chris Wall's Silca Key Service ran well in-defeat in the Listed Prix de la Calonne over a mile at Deauville. The front-running British filly weakened inside the final quarter mile to finish eighth as Astorg (43-10) battled her way to a three quarters of a length win over Pan Galactic. Silca Key Ser-vice. ridden by John Reid. was beaten around six lengths.

lengths in the French juvenile

NEWCASTLE

2.30 Prince Consort 3.00 Scoop 3.30 Witney-De-Bergerac 4.00 Be Gone 4.30 Patsy Grimes 5.00 Diamond Crown

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 54 to 71. Low for 84 to 101. Left-hand, ovel course; with rising run-in; tough, galloping

track

COURSE IS ON A1. Sm. N of town. Metro service 10 Four Lane
Ends station from Newcastle relively station. Bus service from there.

ADMISSION: Outo £14 (£12 for OAPs and registered disabled);
Tattersals £9 (£7 for OAPs and registered disabled); Silver Fing

\$4 (£2 for OAPs and registered disabled). CAR PARK: Free.

ELEADING TRAINERS. M Johnston 28-63 (£224), N J Parmiden 17-146 (£1634). Ski M Stoute £1-57 (£224), N J Cect £2-32 (£7574). LEADING JOCKEYS: J Fortune 22-188 (GIS), J Carroll 22-188 (IIT's), K Fallon 18-132 (GIS), G Duffield 12-101 (IIIS), B FAVOURITIES: 179-196 (GIS), BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.

2.30 NEWCASTLE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) 23,000

	53	AMBER JASHINE (15) P Hastern 9 0 A McCarthy (3) 6
	565	CARRADIUM (18) C Fartural 99
		FOLLOW ME C Thorston 99 Fearing 11
	636	HAYSTACKS (23) D Motiat 9 9 Darren Motiat (3) 2
	22	HYPHEN (27) (8F) Sr M Prescutt 90 G Duffield 14
		KESTRAL T Ellewood 89
	9	MASIC LIGHT (16) Sr M Prescott 8 0S Senders 13
	40	PREPOSITION (70) M Pell 8 9K Hodgson 10
	2	PRINCE CONSORT (30) Mrs J Ramsden 8 9 Fortune 7
9		SPY (9) C Thornton 90 K Fallon 12
		THORNEYHOLME BOY K Plyan 8 0
2		CRYSTAL ROSE Mrs A Swinbark 88 R Leapin 8
3		LA CRIECITTA (FR) C Booth 8 9 J Reid 5
1		PHASE EIGHT GIRL J Herrentri 8 8
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BETTING: 6-4 Hyphen, 9-2 Prince Consort, 7-1 Haystacks, 8 Jaemine, Spy, 12-1 Magic Light, 18-1 Carradium, 20-1 Others FORM VERDICT This is likely to resolve deal into a dual between HYPHEN and Prince Consort, with preference for the Newmerket raider whose Southwell ef-ton is bester than it boiled as the time. The best may not be seen at Spry until he tres a bit further and removiners Keetral and La Cinecitia are

3.00 RENATE SERVICES NURSERY H'CAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2YO 7f

054 REBEL TIGER (18) B Rotraed 84 _____ S Majoney 9 V 0044 KING PERI (11) N Tinkler 93 _____ Kim Tinkler 10 40100 POCO (12) M Charmon 6 1 _______ Fanning 6 0 06345 LITTLE HENRY (14) P Evens 7 12...... J McAuley (7) 1 V - 10 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Tampa Lady, 7-2 Scoop, 6-1 Dispol Safa, 7-1 The Hauffer, Sunser Lady, 10-1 Rebel Tiger, 12-1 Dram Tirse, Little Henry, 14-1 FORM VERDICT Two warunt Scoop is goen to improvement, but resets to show it have and preference of for DRAM TIME, who is open to plantly of improvement now the is stepped up in trip and starts his handcap career on the mark of a

Tampa Lady and King Perl make most appeal of the remainde

3.30 HANOVER DIARIES HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 19yds

DEED WITHEYOE BERGERAC (19) JB Moore 6 9 2 . P P Murphy (5) 6 532053 NOLFARI (FR) (89 (D) R Holirshead 799 .

- 6 deciered -BETTING: 7-2 Nouterl, 9-2 HighEold Fizz, Old Red, 5-1 Baloutotheblue 11-2 Witney-de-Bergerec, 7-1 Austein Relder, 10-1 Seineston, 14-1 Zerrbe

FORM VEROICT A drop in class for top weight Witney-de-Bergerac, but he is on a stiff-eth mark now and may not manage a 27b concession to GLD RED who territoria de la margia de la signi de la 2000 tecessaria de la compositi has la tensa de la compositi has la compositi has la compositi de la compositi della compositi della

4.00 TYNESIDE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,000 added 3YO 1m 1f 9yds 5 BE GONE (18) H Cecl 99 K Felico 0
2224 FREEDOM OUEST (12) J Heriston 99 N Lappin 1
2 BUNDO RAPO (4) J Floderidd 99 J Fortune 2
54030 PECNITZ (USA) (47) C Britain 9 0 J Reid

BETTING: 4-6 Pegnib, 4-1 Se Gorre, 5-1 Mundo Raro, 10-1 Presdo Quest, 25-1 Polis, Prost Maker FORM YERDICT A straightforward opportunity for PEGN-TZ to open his account. He has tacked only Group Lead company since a highly promising 2yo debut, usuely running with credit, and the stable emerged from a two-month bearen spell at Ripon on Monday.

4.30 ST MODWEN HANDICAP (CLASS D) 1 000444 PATSY GRANES (11) (0) J 8 Moore 8 100 .. P P Murphy (2) 2

FORM VERDICT There should be a decent pade on here as Tiler, Inspositive Air and Feory A Fortune can all go from the ford. So 4 may pay to concentrate on the hold-up performers, with WEETMAN'S WEIGH and Kleren Felion getting

5.00 NORTH EAST APPRENTICE SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 1 m 4f 93yds

- 5 declared -BET TING: evens Broydon, 11-10 Dismond Crown, 14-1 Old Gold N Ten, 25-1 Not Quite Grey, Office Hours FORM VEROICT Only a head separated Diamond Crown and BREYDOM in an Ayr sel-er last month, but taking into account the apprentice allowances that can be defined boday, the latter may be able to turn the tables over a slightly

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YARMOUTH

Ion 8.20 Sylvan Dancer GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Straight course - far side; Round course - Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hend course, level and fair.

E450 CAR PARK: EL I LEADING TRAINERS: C Brittain 21-146 (144%), L Cumani 14-65 (215%), M Bell 14-68 (159%), J Goaden 14-92 (152%). ELEADING JOCKEYS: L Dettori 35-134 (26.1%), G Carter 10-77 (13%), M Fenton 7-72 (8.7%), P McCabe 5-35 (14.3%),
FAVOURITES: 222-610 (36.4%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Katies Treet (720). 5.50 EAST COAST HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 6f

0-023 HIGH AND NEGHTY (62) (BF) J Gosden 9 7 L Deltor 3 Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weight: Sporty Spice dat 7th. BETTING: 7-4 High And Mighty, 2-1 Pantasy Hight, 4-1 Operatio, 9-2 Par-

adise Sout, 25-1 Sporty Spice. FORM VEROICT

6.20 MANSHIP MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (D) £5,000 added 1m 3f 101yds

FORM VERDICT Ghost Path has yet to show anything, and it unlietly to pose any ser-ous threat to GENOA, who taled to handle the bands at Ascot last time and a probably better judged on her earlier second at Newbury

BETTING: 1-7 Genoe, 6-1 Ghost Path.

6.50 FREETHORPE CLAIMING STAKES (F) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 2l 21yds D-4650 THE ARTHUL DODGER (25) R Williams 93.... _D Biggs 9 0-8801 COALMINERSDAUGHTER (11) (D) J Hills 8 8J Fowle (7) 0554L2 ARM AND A LEG (11) (C) C Dwyer 0 7. . . . L Defort

- 19 declared -BETTRG: T-2 Northern Lass, 4-1 Specials Eyes, 6-1 Costeniorerscaughte, 6-1 Tie Break, Rewards, 8-1 Ann And A Leg, Certain Danger, 20-1 oth-

Morthern Leasts figness should not be a worry as size won first time out In the sporting cut has shally to show her form on this ground is unproven and preference as for SPANISH EYES, who should appreciate the slap.

This affords a good opportunity for MANNEQUIN, who is just about the form pick and whose yards recent return to form is a plus. Mark Of Prophet old better last time and may be the main threat

FORM VEROICT

8.40 SIX HILLS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added filles & mares 1m

340201 MOUCHE (11) Mrs J Ramsden 4 9 13 J Forbate 11 00-005 ELLA LAMEES (15) W Musson 4 6 ft R Cochrane 4 US-000 ACADEMY STAR (9) J L Harris 4 99 Deen McKeown 7 8006-6 BESTEMOR (18) H Candy 4 0 9..... C Rutter 9 303TH HOLLOWAY MISLODY (12) B McMahon 5 0 4 J. Needon 12 0406-0 BROOKHOUSE LADY (18) I Williams 3 9 4 A Daily (3) 16 -04040 MISS PEREGRANE (6) N Bobbage 4 03 R Price S 20-440 QUEENS STROLLER (199) (O) R Pencock 7 T10 J Brannin 6 500-00 DANNISTAR (25) W Brisbourne 0 7 10 Doubstul 2 060630 BLUE HOPPER (20) M Quan 47 10 A Micholia (5) 1

Minimum weight: 7st 10lb. True handicap weight. Queens Stroller 7st 9lb. Dennisk BETTING: 9-4 Mouche, 11-2 Margons, 6-1 Holloway Melody, 13-2 Elia Lamees

5.50 High And Mighty 6.20 Genoa 6.50 Arm And A Leg 7.20 Counsel 7.50 Oriental Fash-

Course is N of lown on A149. Yarmouth station 1m. ADMIS-SION: Club E12; Tattersalls E850; Family and course enclosure

HIGH AND MIGHTY tools as the will establish the extended top and is lec-cied to confirm June placings on this course with Paradles Soul, Fen-tery Night should also appreciate the bip and is an obvious danger.

-50340 REWARDIA (23) P Evans 7 10 ... _____ .C Cogen (7) 10

7.20 HORSEY SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £2,500 added 1m

000340 RADAR O'REELLY (5) R Williams 4 100 D Eliggs 8 -20050 COUNSEL (40) K Burke 3 9 2 L Deblori 17 40-440 SOUTH CHINA SEA (42) J L Hants 4 B 13 .. S Carson (7) 6

054060 MOLLY MUSIC (29) (D) G Margerson 4 8 7 F Lynch 4 060-00 BLAZER'S BABY (187) Mrs N Macauley 4 8 0 . P McCabe 8 000560 DOVER SOUL (15) P Howing 3 65 N Day 5

00-4 COLLEGE CLIPPER (23) J L Hams 3 8 2 ... J Fowle (7) 20

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0.0000 SALFORD LAD (19) J Pearce 4 8 2 A Polit (6) 19 -00000 RUNAROUND (13) N Calagnan 3 8 0...... M Baird (3) 14 -20 declared -BETTING: 5-1 Brockme Line, 7-1 Counsel, 8-1 Radar O'Rolly, Spot Victory, 16-1 Glen Ogil, 12-1 The Green Grey, Molly Music, Dover Soul,

FORM VERDICT A weak contest in which it might just pay to take a chance with PBISHARP. He was not disgraced when south in a 71 Kempton maiden back in May. raced cit's mark of 46 in a 61 marden handcap the following morth, and is now running off 37 over a trip which should suit him much better

7.50 BANHAM POULTRY CONDITIONS STAKES (D) £5,000 added 2YO 71 04 POWERGOLD [21] W O'Gorman 8 12 . Eranua O'Gorman

9 MITTE ACCESS (14) C Dwyer 9 7 F Lynch 8 ORIENTAL FASHION Sweed by Surger 87 . L Deltori 4 BETTING: 8-13 Oriental Fashion, 3-2 Serraia, 6-1 Powergold, 20-1 Milia FORM VERDICT

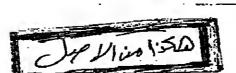
Sernala has experience on her side, but ORFENTAL FASHION is sure to have been well-kaught, and planty of thought has evidently been given to the debut run as she had a choice of four other angagements this week.

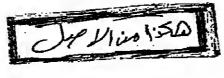
8.20 FILBY BRIDGE FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 5f 43yds 36-501 ANTONIA'S DOUBLE (9) (D) 1 Berry 3 99 Fox L Detical 3 -06055 CENTRE COURT (28) (0) R Hannon 3 8 5 Paul Eddery 6 B

533430 MARINO STREET (8) (D) P Examp 5 7 (3. ... J F Egan 5 V - 6 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Sylvan Dancer, 7-2 Antonia's Doobte, 9-2 Sky Red, 6-1 Pelo Stanco, Centre Court, 8-1 Marino Street.

Antonia's Double may not have besten a lot at Nawcastle Last week, but she sall body a big threat now that she has confirmed that the has trained on. However, preference is for CENTRE COURT, who preveled wall for a

long way over 6f at Lingfield list lime. Now mong off a 3fb lower mark, she





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on hold for High-Rise BY RICHARD EDMONDSON Mar feet (str) a course New Yorks and the Name of the Association of the Inches of WHEN A young colt wins the Property of the Control of the Contr Derby these days his fancy Anthe hard lightly turns to thoughts of love. Victory in the Blue Riband The Residence of usually means that our hero is Arean Mais berg quickly transported to the and Liveryana equine version of a bachelor's Mile Level 12 Comments of the Lights Time bedroom. A quick squirt of cologne from the atomizer later. a rap on the door announces a

queue of some of the best-bred fillies in existence. If this is a tableau that High-Rise, this year's Derby victor, has in mind, he is in for a bit of a start. There will be no silk dressing gowns, no long afternoons of pleasure for Luca Cumani's colt in 1999. Instead, he will be thrashing himself round some of the most competitive races on the planet. For

God's sake, don't tell him. Unless a telegram bearing lots of zeroes arrives on the mat of High-Rise's owner, Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktourn, the colt is likely to become only the second Derby winner of the 1990s to compete as a four-year-old. The example of Quest For Fame, the 1990 winner, is not a stirring one. His career continued with limited success in the United States.

In recent times the Epsom

Far East. Five of the last seven Blue Riband victors have gone to Japan. This one is staying, for the time being, "unless we get a very large offer".

"The bottom line is that be is a horse that ran only once at two, and he's not going to have that many races at three," Anthony Stroud, the racing manager to Sheikh Obaid, added yesterday. "The owner has never really had a top horse and he's got one here. And racing is all about racing your top

horses "It's so hard to get a good horse that I think owners are becoming more sporting. If you look at the prices at Keeneland recently, things are hotting up, but it's a question of balancing enjoyment and finance. Some people are lucky enough to be able to afford a horse in training as a four-year-old.

From a stallion point of three-year-old.

view too, you've got to say he'll only enhance his reputation if he does well at four."

Leisure and pleasure

High-Rise has certainly not done badly at all at two and three, even if he has yet to become the magnetic figure of some of his predecessors. The garlands will surely come

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Fnan

(Xempton 6.30) NB: Elbarree (Kempton 7.30)

though if he can collect the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, his next race, in October. That will almost necessarily mean revenge over his King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes conqueror, Swain, as well as the disposal of Dream Well, the season's other outstanding

Hard To Figure fails by a neck

To Figure is booked for another attempt to win the claimer named after him following a narrow defeat in his own race at Bath yesterday.

The 12-year-old, trying to win winners' enclosure has been a for the 18th time in a 123-race

EVERGREEN SPRINTER Hard Mick Channon's Canda Equina Ron Hodges, his trainer, said afterwards: "We'll just have to come back next year and try to go one better.

"He ran a good race and, as always, tried his old heart out: it'a just a shame he could not holding bay on the way to the career, was beaten a neck by win his own race, but that's the serves to get his head in froot."

way it is. He's been a really good servant to the yard and I wish

has been for more quality ani-

bucked," Stroud added. "Pein-

means husiness.

we had a few more like him." Channon reckoned Cauda Equina was not winning out of turn, and added: "If ever there was a race set up for one horse that was it, but my fellow de-

self. "I just wish there were

more mile and a half races for

him because effectively there

are only four," Stroud said.

Arc and the Breeders' Cup."

hardly have been put off by his great good fortune this year. He has an interest in just three horses a season and, this cam-

El Gran Senor and The Min-

Sheikh Obaid himself will

strel, but now it's changed."

"Next year it will be the Coronation Cup, King George, the The breeding shed's loss is now Cumani's gain and it can paign, has been represented by be argued the Italian deserves High-Rise and the filly a change of luck with his bet-Zomaradah, who won the Group One Oaks d'Italia at ter horses. The Newmarket Milan in May. He has earned trainer as much as amone, suffered when the Americans and over £1m in prize money He's the Aga Khan withdrew their also probably very good at Trigood blood in the late 1980s.

Now he's back. And this time he Perhaps the Sheikh's only disappointment of the season While Derby horses have was when High-Rise surrenbeen regularly whisked away, dered his unbeaten record at the overall pattern recently Ascot. "Looking back on the King George, he was a bit unmals to stay in training. "I lucky," Stroud said. "Olivier [Peslier] got himself into a think the trend has been pocket, running up horses, and tre Celebre, Swain, Singspiel Swain went at that vital time.

"We lost half a length and, though we might not have won, we would have finished closer. We lost impetus, but Swain is a battler and if the two had got down to running head-to-head it would have been an interesting contest.

"But we didn't lose anything in defeat. It doesn't undervalue him to lose to a champion. He's a horse to look forward to. It's good to have heroes."



High-Rise's famous finishing burst will be on show again next season

BRIGHTON

2.40 Goodwood Jazz 4.10 Tornado Prince (nb) 3.10 Canyouheanne 4.40 Sihafi 3.40 April Stock 5.10 Tremonov

GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: Im 21 & Im 41 - outside; remainder - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best over 51 & 61 when going is soft.

Loft-hand, U-straped course, undusting and sharp.

Courte is E of town, Follow signposts from town centre. Brighton station Im (fast service from London, Victoria), ADMINSSIGN: Cita 512 (accompanied under-16s free); Picnic Park 54 per car (plus 54 per cere).

Taltersalis 58 (accompanied under-16s free); Picnic Park 54 per car (plus 54 per cere).

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LEADING TRANSERS: R Hannon 37-220 (188%), G 1, Moore 30-23 (141%), S Dove 20-51 (132%), Miss G Kalleway 77-79 (187%), M Channon 17-25 (135%).

ELEADING DOCKEYS: T Outen 51-96 (38%), Dane O'Neill 27-154 (75%), B Sanders 21-157 (55%), R Hughes 17-107 (55%), T Sprake 6-65 (84%), A Clark 6-121 (68%).

FAVOURITES: 228-642 (35.5%)
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Prince Zéndo (510).

AMPLICON LIVELINE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS 2.40 AMPLICON LIVELINE MANAGEMY Value 52,827

BETTING: 11-8 Goodwood Jezz, 11-2 Jost For You Jame, 13-2 Space Babe, 7-1 Any Moore, 8-1 Gino's Spirits, 12-1 Swell Betty, Lady of Aragon, 16-1 others 137 Rons Pet 2 8 °C D Biggs 7-4 for (R Harmon) drawn (2) 6 ran

FORM GUIDE Goodwood Jazz: Difficult to oppose on her 11% length second to Miss Dragorffy in a big field of Lecester following a promising that in smert company at Goodwood. Bonelit: Sprint-bred and promising that in when 16 lengths fifth to Maghasht on Goodwood 6th debut. Should improve but has seven lengths fifth to Minasi Amber at Seven Swell Beith; Showed plenty of speed when sox lengths fifth to Almas Amber at Selfsbury (5th Yard youngsters do well here and exita 2f should suit on breeding Lady Of Airagon: Again seemed to find 6f a problem when 31% lengths fifth to Scoop in sightly weaker company at Pontefract. This 7f is Seely to strench her more Space Babe; Should progress efter staying on 3% lengths sect to Jack Goodman at Follestone (7f) but sharp course no help. One to note in market (stable aborrum Swellestone)

Horsestine (ii) our steep course in requirement of these witness, Stowly away and setty! Who Goes Thems: Wolthound half-sister to middle-distance witness, Stowly away and never in hunt on dicbut behind Sakha at Kempton (8f) Gho's Spiritis: Beted her 50-1 quate when stelying on 31/x langths fourth to Turtie's Filsang in moderate Sandown marken (8f) after slow start. Extra 21 should suit Just For You Jene: Confirmed promise of debut when always-dates-up 6 langths third to Horb Of Grace in ordinary Warwick marken (7f). Will need to improve again Any Maone: Proved her Salesbury fourth to Lady Angharad no flake whon staying -on 41/x langths south to My Petal in Scordwood Bi marsery. Should not be fair away VERDICT!: A repeat of her Lecester effort should get GOODWOOD JAZZ home in this stigrifly weaker company. She clearly gets the trip wet and has proved horself no fast ground and an undulating course. The booking of the in-form apprentice Net Polland is a pointer to Any Moone, who could represent a danger, along with the Pichard Harmon selected of Swell Betty and Space Babe.

ELECTRONICS TIMES SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) 3.10 \$2,500 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £1,851 1 DS3 LIDCKY RED (11) R(W J McAulife) K McAulife B 11 F Norton 10
2 6 CANYOUREARRINE (28) (Nrs T A Forement in Calegran 8 6 N Calegran 9 3
3 0002 CORAL REEF (12) R(B Roong Syndicate) W G M Turner 9 9 T Sprake 6 9 PART (12) RESINCA (29) (The Lombourn Roong Culci) A 7 Jones 6 6 N A Whelen 1 Sprake 6 1 D Sweeney 1 1 Sprake 6 1 D Sweeney 1 1 Sprake 6 1 D Sweeney 1 1 DSS 1 PATSYS FOREM (22) (1 C Promotors Lick) M Statement 6 5 D Sweeney 1 1 DSS 1 LUCKY RED (11) (K W J McAulife) K McAulife 9 11

FORM GUIDE

Lucky Red: Ren se though the trip would set when I lengths second to David in 8t seler here on debut and confirmed promise in 6t Southwell cleaner. Could take a hand Contyouthearmer. Well bedsed to lend hot 7t Newmentet seler on debut deeptes needing reas. Stayed on to be 11 lengths sight to Tempa Lady and should go close here Conell Realt Should improvement for visor when 2 lengths second to Karaica in 7t clearer here and confirmed the form in a Wolverhampton seler next time. More on her plate here but should be threabouts.

Indian City: February foel by Lahib out of Northfields mare. Market, Body to be best guide Jessince: Well exposed in this sort of company and will need to improve on lettest 4½ lengths fourth to Lively Jacq in Yamourth tit seler. Evins furing may help Melady Queens Form pick on her staying-on 4 lengths sight to Calch Me from moderate chare in 7t Chester nursery. Holds Canyouthearms through Tampa Lady on previous Hernition running.

Nice Spice: Fecurity when promising soon to King Foley in higher grade over 5f here

Made Splicit: Paucuttes when printments assumed unity treaty and stress or made on debut but has disappointed since and west well beaten in Lingdied seller less made Palayse Forent: Purner-up to Over The Counter in a poor seller over counter and distince less month but has 4 lengths to find with Coral Reef on least running hare. Twen ldot; Drops considerably in grade but fittle sign of ability in three starts, the latest when 18 lengths 14th to Bathwick at Worwick (77). Thopical Forest: Persy to find with Coral Reef on both all-weather running and on her fifth to Kenslud hers. Also hald by Jessints on Warnink form.

VERDICT: The market confidence behing Conyourneeme on her Newmarket debut suggests she will be winning before long, and the 50 claim of her useful appremitive rider Nei Caten is 8 big plus. But this is a very demanting course for a lightly-raced juventle and she may struggle to cope with MELODY QUEEN, whose Chester ex-perience should stand her in good stead. ELECTRONICS WEEKLY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

3.40 STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 1m 4f Penalty Value

FORM GUIDE truch Perfect: Fourth of five, besten seven lengths, to Lord Huntingdon's island Story at Epsorn (Im 2) on only start. Apprentice richten then and likely to improve Kensel: Besten tevounte at Windsor (4th to Cloak, Of Durkness) and moderate showing when tried in a viscor at York (ledy raters' hicap). Visor kept on and obvious chance

on serier promise in this lowly league.
Otto: Slowly away and always in the ruck on debut at Sandown, finishing over 30 langues behind April Stock. userum rupre subc. April Stock: Knower the track having linished a neck second to hotpor Benjamin Prank In Juna, Creditable atturts since at Sandown and Newbury (2nd to Drasm Power) and

a confirmed stayer

Lady Of The Dande; No show in two backend majders at Doncester over a mile. Needs
to improve a lot and has a little-known appreciate abound

VERDICT: It wouldn't be the biggest shock of the meeting if KARASI gate beaten
again, but the ability a definitely there and he could just produce it boday after a evenweek rest since the soft-ground rur at York, APRI Stock at the obvious danger with her
staying ability and expensince of this tricky course.

NEW ELECTRONICS 30TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP 4.10 (CLASS F) £3,500 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £2,824

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1 370-GOLD LANCE (USA) (JRS) (BF) Jabs Barbara Machani R (TSJavan 5 to 0.A Proctor 7

2 00006 SOOTY TERM (7) (C) (D) 6f Tabs 6 J Megriaty N Callagian 3 9 8 Sect. At Callan (5) 2

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4 05-00 SAPPHERE SON (6) (C) (D Cobb) P Carle 6 6 5 A Eddiny (7) 13

5 05-480 CASTLES BURNHAID (USA) (5) (C) (D) R M Cycon) C Cycar 46 4 D Sweamey 4

8 05050 CONFRONTER (22) (C) (D) Patient Limited) S Done 86 4 R Hughes 16

7 05102 PHISBURY FLUER (10) (H J Memora) H Memora 3 6 2 Soophia Million (10)

8 00000 WITHOUT REPOSE (11) (N=0 B Redescot) W Mar 3 9 13 DONE (10)

10 06821 SKYLES & AUTE (8) (Portet Thompson') Por Thompson's 8 10 Bed. A Whalan 10

10 06821 SKYLES & AUTE (8) (Portet Thompson') Por Thompson's 8 10 Bed. A Clark 6

12 00000 KANAWA (25) (The Lambourn Recorp Calc) A P Jones 4 6 5 Town 6 8

13 00000 WICKY JAZZ (25) (S M Boddy) J Moore 3 7 10 Dectar Offson 6

14 00000 SALENT PRINE (13) (CD) (N= 1 offson 7 10) W Indicating on 7 10 Dectar Offson 6

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16 060000 Courselor 4 6 7 Dane Offsel 9-2 (R Flower) driven (3 8 ran

Gold Lance: Won twice with Frenkin Deton after landing a couple of seiters. Hearth shown much over hundles and probably best watched after the rest

shown much over furdies and probably best watched after the rest. Tornado Prince: Backed down to odde-on and came home five lengths clear of Nisaba at Folkestone. Only 2b higher mark today and must take the beating against the older horses with the same highly competent apprentice aboard. Sooty Term: Soth to Crief Cashier at Epeom a week ago. Loves tast ground and has turntied down the weights so could be the surprise package with Wales Swinburn booked Sapphire Son: Little promise on two starts this season and his Lingfield win last term

stronger event on the Equitrick at Lingfield (2nd win there) at the backend. Confronter: Has won on the course twice and handbapped to go very well despite he advancing years. This too thort for him last time. Finabury Piyer: A dual winner in Jersey and off a similar rating as his third to Halmanenor.

at Salisbury (71) in June to Hard to fancy on what he has achieved in maidens but the booking

Jessies Jameis: Hard to fancy on what he has schieved in maidens but the booking of Richard Quint; suggests some improvement forthcoming. Without Primards; Effective on Lingfleids Equitack and more to do effer his lest visit here when third to Mr Rough in a seller Stylers A little: Dropped in the after a short head win from Cultured King at Beverley. A shade unlucky three days seater and Realy to figure for her northern-based trainer Justifies Scholar; Both wins graned on Equitable and no promise on burl since the lettest win from Kafil. Stable hes good record on this course Kinstein Has been out the course for a year and no obvious chance today. Not Out Last: Seaten a long way at Folkestone (7f) on reappearance.

Not Out Luck: Seaten at the course for it year and no bovious chance today.

Not Out Luck: Seaten a long way at Forkestone (7f) on reappearance.

Semmy's Shuffler. Won a similar face over the course and distance last time and is from the stable that landed this last year. Has a chance again receiving the weight Victory Jazz: Has looked very moderate and one of the rank outsiders again. Stient Pride: Malden after 23 starts and unlikely to break the sequence here.

VEHILLE II it night be assing too much of these seasonate periormers to keep taxes in Newter Callegham's TOPINADO PRINCE, who can progress further after breaking the los in this tityle at Folkestone lest work. His apprentice is proving great value for his client and Tomedo Prince is only 2th higher in the ratings even with the 6th penalty. Seminary's Shufffe has a feather weight and should figure, while old Socity Term is due a good run on one of his favourile courses.

4.40 WHAT'S NEW IN ELECTRONICS UK AND EUROPE SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 6f

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1	-02212	MAJALIS (19) (Bradina Ltd) R Guest 3 6 10
2	59763	NORY DAM'N (9) (CD) (Dean wory) K wary 4 5 10
3		LA PETITE PUSEE (9) (0) (P W Saunders) R O'Sulivan 76 10 R Hoghes 5
4		APOLLO RED (11) (CD) (A Moore) G L Moore 999
		SEHAFI (USA) (2) (D) (EF) Litery Gilbertson) D Nicholis 5 6 5
		MYTTONS MESTAKE (15) (D) (P Sede) R Hodges 5 8 5T Sprake 8
		LEVELLED (1) (CD) (6 Mrs Gary Prictien) M Chemion 4 6 4
		BEYOND CALCULATION (15) (D) (E A Hayment) J M Braday 4 9 3 Aknoe Cook (5) 11
		ANDKATO (7) (C) (Mis Stephanio Monyclast) 7 Miles 4 & 10
		SHARP IMP (13) (CD) (Mrs & M Terrement) R Flower 6 8 6
		SIZZLING (ZZ) (CD) [P & Mrs P Jabert) R Harmon 6 6 4
		JUSTINIANUS (23) (CD) (Extra of late M R Pascall) J Bridger 8 7 13
		18 declared

SETTING: 3-1 Silver, 5-1 Mystoria Mistaka, 7-1 hypry Dawn, 8-1 Majalle, Apollo Red, 10-1 La Petite Fusies, Sherp Imp., 14-1 others 1987: Golden Pound 5 6 12 K Fallon 8-4 fev (Miss G Kelloway) chain (5) 7 ran

FORM GUIDE

Majelie: Wan maden at Bovertey and then cheeldy held by Jocesta in Newmarket hand-cap with lvory Dawn over two lengths behind. Alb higher mark today but talented apentice takes off 5th ory Desirc Best recent winner Makadone here last month with Justinianus and Sz-

Nonry Desert Boart recent manuar Malactine here last month with Austrianus and Str-ding behind. 8b better with Majalis on Newmartest form but outside draw here a worry La Patible Plates: Hasn't won for two years but Improved effort at Windoor last week when site lod and 4th to Daynabea, finishing just over a length behind worry Dawn Apollo Redt Wins only at Lingfield and on this course. Defied 10st against Fort Knox here [77] last month and another fine showing expected over this shorter trip Sithatic Wan five times over 5f last month, all with an apprentice. Just pipped off this Faunciesp mark by Maladette at Windoor on Monday and now goes with Tony Clark Myttorus Millianias. Hed shown promise prior to winning at Bath last time (Sihati fourth). Can only do better for this signity longer trip, and the placed horses, Apple Sauce and Cauch Engura, won vestertiev.

Can only do began for the signary proger trap, and the backet foreses, Apple Statute and Caude Equina, won yesterday. Levelled: Bestern a neck by Apple Sauce at Best yesterday so, with a claimer aboard today, can be given the earne sort of chance at the weights as Myritons Mistalia. Beyond Calibrations: Has not had the best of lock and was just over three lengths behind Myritons Mistalia when fifth at Bath last time. Now enjoys a 6th pull Anologics Won on the course last year (same handicap mark today) but seems more effective on Lingfield's Equitack surface.

Sharp imp: Always rear in Apolio Redit race here test month and subsequent third to Rambold on the course may not be good enough for this Starting: inconsistent eart who may not have stayed 7t here last time. Can be considered on earlier course win from Maladene

Justinianus: Held every chance when 5th to lvory Dawn here last month and gets a 12th pull for the five-length beeting

VERDICT: For a horse normally associated with winning from seven furlongs up to a mile INYTTONS MISTAKE did well to score over Baths extended five furlongs last time. The second and third gave the form a briefly boost by both winning yesterday and Sihafi, who was fourth at Betti, may again be outstayed by Ron Hodges' sprinter.

ELECTRONIC PRODUCT REVIEW MAIDEN HANDICAP 5.10 ELECTRONIC PHODUC: REVIEW Walue 52,729 (CLASS F) 63,500 added 7f Penalty Value 52,729

1	060	KINNINO (13) (A Moore) G L Moore 4 10 0 Candy Morris 8
2	D-6204D	MARISA'S PET (7) (Lewrence Protes T Powel 4 69
3	S-D400	DARE (25) (J.C. Browne, N.J. Cowan, C.J. James) E.L. James 368,
4	0-4003	COOLIN RIVER (18) (Kate Booth and Toby Wand) K Burke 3 9 8
5	352340	PLASEE TOWER (41) (Metropoid Al-Streets) R Hernon 3 8 8
9	00-6	CARVER DOONE (21) (P R Ouder) 0 Chappel 390
7	000000	PRINCE ZANDO (9) (Mrs B Surmer) C Horgan 48 10 Almae Cook (5) 2 B
B	040535	MUTABASSIR (40) (Denny Bloor) G L Moore 4 8 8 F Norton 10
9	020604	TREMONNOW (5) (Overmonnow Pacing Club) J M Bradley 3 85
10	000-00	SABRE GERL (23) (Edge Bloodstock) K lvory 3 8 5
π	605-	SWEET SENORITA (373) (W E Sand) M Madgetck 3 8 4
12		ROCK TO THE TOP (12) (Mrs Chroting Dowling) J Sheethan 4 8 3
13	-02033	BARN ATHOLL (23) (BP) (D J F Philips) R Hodges 5 6 3
¥	050-00	CROFT SANDS (25) (Mas Vivian Pratt) J Aliehung 5 8 3 Docton O'Shen 1
15	D-0002	BIT OF A LAD (23) (Mrs H Kelleher) R Flower 3 8 2
	850000	MAGEC MORNING (18) (Ms Priz Brown) W Musson 36 0
		CEAR MAY E CALL TE MID TESTS Charges B (TO Fine 3.7.12) Y Applies C

BETTING: 5-1 Bakn Atholi, 6-1 Mutabeselr, 7-1 Flore Yover, 8-1 Sabre Girl, Bit Cl A Led. 10-1

Coolin River, Trendmon, 12-1 others 1997: Homestead 3 8 12 Dane O'Neill 100-30 (av (Fi Hannon) drawn (4) 13 ran

FORM GUIDE Kinninot Stendily dropping in grade but has yet to show significant oblity and soon laded to finish 17 lengths 10th to Keld in a 71 Sandown malder last time. Maries's Petr Lignily reced but looks hershly bandcapped, even on her 2% lengths fourth to Runs in the Partily over 51 here last morth. Yet to show she stays 71.

to Runs in the Fernity over St here lest month. Yet to show she stays 7f Dene: Two demail efforts since promesing 8% lengths fourth to Aloha Dancer at Warwick (7f) in May and disflicult to fency off this severe mark. Coollin River: Inconsistent sort who has a chance on his 3 lengths fourth to Saligo at Salisbury (1m) off this mark in May but will need to step up on his least 11% length thad to Amington Garl in a Notingham fin cleaner to be a major player. Planne Tower: Capable of takethy a hand of his third to Gally Mill at Salisbury (7f) and fourth to Frisches here (7f) from 2lb higher but hax six-week break to overcome Carver Doone: Hes done little to Justify this sort of handcap mark. Dropping in the after 18 lengths such of 8 to Tina Heights in a tim 2f Sandown madern. Dropping in the first Sandown madern from the dover a variety of trips takely to no effect. Binkered first time now but difficult to fancy on least 7% lengths minth to Vanborough Led at Windsor (fin 2) Mutabassair: Six-week absorbe a worry, but consistent sort with outstanding chance on 3% length fifth to Amber Fort at Goodwood (7h from 8b hather.

but difficult to fancy on latest 7% lengths ninth to Variborough Lad at Windsor (tin 2) Mutabeasair: Sh-week absorbe a worp, but consistent sort with outstanding chance or 3% length fifth to Amber Fort at Goodwood (7% from 8th higher Themonnows Bigns of return to form when visored for first time at Thirsk on Saturday (7%, finishing) 1% lengths fourth to My Legal Eagle. Well-handcapped on Windsor second to Kathies Per (87) in June and should take a hand Saturday (1% to make the placings in six starts and showing little sign of improvement. Looks held by Barn Atholf on running behind Gorbo here (8) list month Sweet Senioritize Unplaced in three sellers last form and out of action for a year Ricok 16 The 18pt Best on all-weather. First sign of ability on furl when 8 lengths eighth of 31 to Songeheet at Chapstow (6) last time but efficial to taxcy. Bairn Atholf: Placed in five of her 15 starts and possible leading contender on her strong-finishing 2% lengths that to lony Dawn over (8) here last month. Otton starts slowly but promises to also windower (1)

promises to show improvement over 71 Croft Stands: Little eight of ability until 5% langths minh to Meranti at Salisbury (6), Dropped Croft Stands: Liftle sign of actiny unit 51/e angress are to Mercelle at Sassoury (or proposed 5th since and possible improve but plainty to find yet. Bit of A Lad: First signs of ebility when strong finishing neck second to Mr Rough in a poor seller over the hare last month, Up in grade and likely to find it tough going likely to find it tough going a Magic Mornling: Little worthwhile recent form but could not be entirely descounted on B lengths and to Marinnas Boy at Doncaster (6) in June. One to watch in the market Ceed Mille Feltite: Showing little lately but is one to consider on 1/. length third to Step On Degas over 61 here in May from 7to higher (trained by Roger Ingram)

VERDICT: With Gary Moore's team firing on all cylinders it could pay to deregord. MUTABASSIR's elx-week absence. He is the clear pick on his Goodwood effort and, comparitively lightly raced, has scope for more improvement. Tremonnow is enti-tled to respect on her recent Thirsk effort and there are also possibilities about Balim Atholi and Caed Mile Falite, whose stable is finding a little form.

PONTEFRACT

2.20 Biya 2.50 Munaza 3.20 Grand Chapeau 3.50 Kinan 4.20 BAY OF ISLANDS (nap) 4.50 Emperor Naheem 5.20 Lady Harries

GOING: Good

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to a mile.

Life hand, undusting course.

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LEACING TRAINERS: Mrs J Remeden 38-206 (184%), J L Eyro to M5 (103%), Mrs M Reveley 13-124 (105%) ELEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 29-216 (184%), Pat Eddery M LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 29-216 (184%), Pat Eddery 14-13 (105%) J Weaver 4-136 (103%), A Cultiane 9-111 (81%). FAYOURITES: 196-559 (35-4%) OLINKERED FIRST TIME: Critical Air (520), Parcy (visored, 2.20 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE SERIES MEN AMATEURS HANOICAP (CLASS

E) £4,000 added 1m 2f 6yds NVER'S SOURCE (12) (D) & Mas 4 1 1 Mar C Randon (D) 16
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FORM VERDICT

The production is the product of the

MATTY BOWN MEMORIAL MAIDEN 2.50 STAKES (CLASS D) E5,000 added 1m O AWASH (SSS) M Hammond 4 87 D Pears 10
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HAMAZA (USA) (16) R Ramistorg 3 90 R Pills 5
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STOGLIN (16) J Gostim 3 90 Pears 15 Schort 3
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FORM VEROICT FORM YEROUT
SHOGUN won't be much of a piece but he had shown plenty of pramise
on both cutings to doe and a reproduction of wither run will make him very
difficult to best. The By in the driftment is Reylic, who very much caught
the eye at Doncaster liest bedeend but hasen been seen out area.

3.20 CHAPLINS CLUB HANDICAP (CLASS E) E5,000 added 5f

FORM VERDICT A race that is it as compation as the markers would suggest and GRAND CHAPEAU is a strong fatter. Ray Cockrama, who drows here to victory at workers and his fast out at Trinsk can safely be ground as he was drawn on the exist comble for side. He is well tendicapped, well drawn and the stable's spiriters are in crass.

3.50 CORNMILL HOTEL (HULL) MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) \$4,500 added 2YO

COOLING CASTLE (FR) & Weeten 8 0 Pat Edday 9 3 REDIAN PLINE (18) C Thomfon 9 0 Down McKerwn 2 0 NEW MOON (18) U MANAGEM S R FRANCES 3 PANZEER (22) L Currer 9 0 R Frances 3 Panzeer (7) 10 D NEW MOON (18) C Thomas 80 SOLIARE DANCER Mrs J Particip & 0 S D Williams 1
TARASCO (FR) Mrs J Particip 80 D Patrs 7 ANNELINA C Alen B9

FORM VERDICT Heuromers According and Shot Silk are sure to eat races if their pedi-

grees are anything to go by There is probably better to come from Personal but he has been doing his best work at the first over 61 and may resolute. further This sees furting should be in Astrolomb layour while Indian Plane is enother open to improvement but KINAN, who displayed planty of early speed on it's Newmerket debut, gets the root.

4.20 ROGERTHORPE MANOR HOTEL HANDICAP (CLASS C) \$10,000 added 1m 4f Svds

040553 SHAFFISHAYES (5) (C) (D) Mrs M Fevelry 8 9 3 Deen McKaper 1
53-151 HOUSE OF DREAMS (19) (D) G M Moore 8 8.2 M Roberts 2
00-M1 ROBANA PRINCESS (19) (CD) Ms M Revelay 5.7 11

- 10 declared -86TCING: 4-1 Morreiga, 5-1 Bay Of Internet, 5-1 Indiana Princiss, 7-1 Teasylos, Domapper, 5-1 Dancing Rio, House Of Dresses, 10-1 others FORM VERDICT A very topic after in which Movegie and Bay Of leakeds should figure papersonly. However, proteomes in a SHAPTISHAYES, who is well hand-leaped on his best form and boked to be on his way back when third in

a tace that was if non to suit him at Newcastie less time

4.50 AUGUST CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F)

23,000 added 3YO 5f

SCORS EMPEROR NAMESM (9) (0) 8 Mechan 63... M Tabbatt 11

20200 JACKERN (7) (3) 8 Rethred 8 3... M Tabbatt 11

3 62550 MARMAS BOY (16) 3 Berry 8 10... K Darby 7

4 0-80 BLAZING BILLY (127) C Dwyer 8 9... J Golobed (7) 8

5 7205 TANGERINE PLYER (14) (0) P Fears 8 6... J Meaws 8

8 22005 SMAPPY TIMES (18) M Dock 8 5... Daile Glavon 2 B

9 SCRITLATING SCRID (9) S Bourng 83. Dean McKetyn 3

9 D4305 BREAK FOR PEACE (12) W Stray 63..R Wilson (6) 5

9 D4305 BREAK FOR PEACE (12) (6) S IN Prescrib 2.2 Standars 4

10 02503 SNG FOR ME (14) (0) R Hollmaked 8 1... T WEIgnes 6

10 00 DESERT RHAPSOTY (14) M British 9 0.D Marringh (7) 16

—11 declared —

BETTIMG: 5-2 Swelt For Place, 7-2 Emperor Mehaem, Marmas's Boy, B-1 Tengerize Plyer, 10-1 Jacketin, 14-1 Sing For Me, 16-1 Sneppy Tense, Schrifteting Sound, 20-1 others

FORM VERDICT

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Emparor Nahaem, Marmors Boy and BRSAK FOR PEACE are the three to concentrate on with preference for the bashraned. She deappointed test time but had based progressive promo that and is worth another chance. 5.20 TALLY HO HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 4yds

-SCOO EMPUSE GOLD (25) Mrs J Parresten 8 7.T G McLaughlin 11
GO-70 REPTION (15) Mrs A Sweetenk 6 5... P Goods (7) 8
S6-000 SMART PRINCE (36) J C Junio 8 5... Date Gibson 12
S036 FOREST DREAM (24) (8F) Ludy Namies 8 6... Williams 4
S-00 MOMENTARILY (USA) (55) E Duniop 95... S Whitmonth 19
20550 PRESILE ASSEMBLY (9) (0) K Rhen 9 3... O Pears 12
S00042 MARSKE MACHINE (19) N Thirte 8 0... John McClaum 15
C0500 PERCY (5) J Hefreton 9 0... Jul Tabbutt 16 V
S050 WAGSJAND (23) C Thombon 9 0... Deem McClaum 15
C4500 CRETICAL AR (19) Sin Presco 8 0... S Sanders 2 8
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S450 CRETICAL AR (19) Sin Presco 8 0... N Marrest (1)
S0000S SANDMOOR TASTAN (11) T Emistry 8 7 ... K Darley 16
S000 GOOD ON YER (274) S Kettisvell 8 5... J Gotobed (7) 9
S0000 SCOUDING (18) G Woodward 8 3
S0000 TOWNWILL CEC CEE (27) J Wathwright 8 3
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17 005004 TOWNNILE CEE CEE (21) I Violenting it 8 3 Decrea Mediat (5) 5
18 -50000 GOLDEN LYRIC (52) G Wrang 8 3 Decrea Mediat (5) 5
19 0-5005 LESLEY'S ADVENTURE (55) E Alson 7 13 W Supple 7
20 00-050 SHOTLEY MARKE (45) N Byoroft 7 10 P Feeling 20 Decrea Writers weight 7 st 100. The Plantage weight Stocky Marke 7st 8b. BETTING: 9-2 Forest Druem, 11-2 Holy Smoke, 6-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Marrake Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Mechina, 7-1 Critical Ak, 8-1 Desert Sps, Whitehold, 10-1 Mechina, 10-1

FORM VERDICT Those capable of grabbing a heady position may be at an advantage and HOLL SALOKE, who has reped portriantly on her lest two starts, gets the root Ay review Whitehead may be a step sheed of the handcapper while Golden Lyric could surprise at long odds.

Bad News, good News

A MARE triumphed at Catterick yesterday, much to the sur- Plumpton racecourse, has been prise of punters who noted she had finished last of 10 runners ing Board as an Industry-nom-- beaten 89 lengths - on her previous run. Derek Shaw, trainer a term of four years. The vote of Cliburnel News, expressed for the position vacated by

Cliburnel News had flopped yesterday.

at Doncaster, but under a patient tide from Richard Mullen yesterday she reeled in the racing interest in the boardfront-running favourite Eternity room, Pratt's appointment was inside the final furlong to prevail by two lengths at 10-1.

bemusement at the win.

"I really haven't got a clue why she ran so badly last time," Shaw said. "The vet checked her over after the race at Don- near Shepton Mallet. Gates caster but he could find nothing."

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Adrian Pratt, the director of

elected to the British Horserac-

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Matthew McCloy took place

concern of the lack of a jump

perhaps predictable.

With the BHB having voiced

West Country trainer Paul

Nicholls holds a charity open

day on Sunday, 30 August at

Manor Farm Stables, Ditcheat,

open at 11.30 am and admission

Fast, fan friendly – but full of faults

John Roberts gives his verdict on the experimental new deuce rule that will be introduced at some tournaments to try to speed up tennis for television

SINCE THE last ball was struck at Wimbledon, a period of comparative tranquillity has been interrupted by some hlarney from Killarney. The International Tennis Federation, at its annual meeting in Ireland. indicated that it was prepared to tinker with the game in order to satisfy the demands of television.

While that hardly distinguishes the ITF from other custodians of sports, there are occasions when aspects fundamental to the nature of a contest need to be protected. In this instance, preservation orders ought to be slapped on the "advantage" point and the service let.

The service let (where a serve is retaken if the ball touches the net before landing good) is not in imminent danger. An ITF proposal for its abolition was withdrawn "pending further research, analysis and consultation over the next 12 months". So, for the moment, we shall not see the ball trip over the net-cord and be declared an ace.

What we shall see, at least at a number of the smaller events during the next two years, is an experimental "no-ad" system, allowing games to be won on the first point after deuce. One benefit, according to the ITF, would be to make matches shorter and therefore more fan friendly' and easier to schedule for

Ah, yes, television. As with football's "golden goal", the "no-ad" expedient appears to be another example of the McDonald's syndrome (for fast food read fast sport, easily packaged, readily consumed).

Tennis matches, being of indeterminate length, present particular problems for the media. The ITF, in common with the Grand Slam champlooships and the men's and womeo's professional tours, are acutely aware that they are in competition with other sports for television time. Care must be taken, however, not to erode the fahric.

An additional benefit of the "noad" system, the ITF contends, would be to "inject" another element of excitement into the game by having the potential for providing a climax in any game during the match, in a comparable way to that of the be-

Sacrificed in the process would be an integral part of the psychological and physical duelling which makes tennis so fascinating. When the score reaches deuce, mental doors tend to open or close. One of the players, for example, might bave fought back from 0-40. Will there be a sudden shift in confidence?

"If you get into a long deuce game you have a situation where you can wear your opponent down," observes John Newcombe, the Australian former Wimbledon champion and world No 1. The no-ad rule was tried in college tennis in the States. and it made the tennis very mun-

Although Andre Agassi in his younger days once described an ITF oresident as a "bozo", the American seems inclined to side with the establishment on some of the current issues. An excellent returner of serve, who memorably defeated Goran tvanisevic in five sets in the t992 Wimbledon final, Agassi would like to see service lets called as faults. He is also in favour of the introduction of a "no-ad" system.

"If a guy is serving at 40-30 you have to win the next point and then win two in a row," says Agassi. 'Now, if you had to win one of the including 13 deuces, six break points oext two points, there is a heck of a and eight game points. Under the chance you are going to break the guy. If you are playing against Sam- would have held serve within five oras and he is serving at 15-40, minutes with a forehand pass down there is still a 60 per ceot chance he the line after the first deuce. Instead, is going to hotd serve. A no-ad scor- 25 points later, she was broken, uning system and that drops consid- able to controt her backhand in at-



Steffi Graf cleared the way to her 1995 Wimbledon victory by overcoming Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in a 20-minute game. That would not be possible under proposed new rules

TWENTY MINUTES THAT THRILLED THE WORLD

David Ashdown

THE 20-MINUTE game between Steffi Graf and Aranba Sanchez Vicario In the final, which Graf won 4-6.

6-1, 7-S, has passed Into membered alongside the 20-minute tie-break between John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg in the fourth set of the 1980 men's final, which the American won 18-16, only to lose in the fifth set, and the 112game match between Pancho Gonzales and Charlie Pasarell in 1969. This is how the points

were decided in that famous game between Graf and Sanchez Vicario: 0-15 Sanchez forehand

30-15 Netted forehand by

30-30 Sanchez forehand

40-30 Sanchez forehand

15-15 Graf wide on forehand returning second

Deuce Graf forehand win-

Advantage Sanchez Forehand pass dovin line (Under the ITF's experimental scoring system the gome would have ended there, with Sanchez holding serve for 6-5)

Devoe Sanchez wide with cross-court backhand Deuce Sanchez low an-Ad Sanchez Ace gled hackhand drop shot Deuce Graf passes with

Ad Graf Sanchez nets backhand Deuce Graf hits forchand

Ad Sanchez Low backhand cross-court pass Deuce Winning smash by

service return over base-

Ad Graf Forehand crosscourt pass

Ad Sanchez Forehand cross-court pass Deuce Graf backhand pass from Sanchez stop-

forehand approach

backhand

Ad Graf Sanchez nets

Deuce Graf hits forehand

long from deep Sanchez

Ad Sanchez Graf backhand wide from Sanchez backhand to comer Deuce Sanchez wide with

with backhand service re-Deuce Graf forehand drive Ad Sanchez forehand

Ad Sanchez Graf long

Deuce Sanchez wide with cross-court backhand Ad Graf Sanchez wide with forehand Deuce Sanchez forehand .cross-court pass

Duration - 20 minutes Points - 32 Ad Graf Sanchez misses Deuces - 13 with backhand down the

hand drive

Ad Graf Graf intercepts Sanchez cross-court forehand with forehand volley Game Graf Sanchez unable to control her backhand from Graf's winning cross-court fore-

Break points - six Game points - eight

Deuce Sanchez backhand

drop shot down the line

THE LONGEST AND SHORTEST MATCHES

The ITF'S experimental "noad" scoring system would not, of course, preclude odditles such as the 29-minute point contested by Vicky Nelson and Jean Hepner In a Tour 'event in Richmond, Virginia, in 1984. The ball crossed the net 643 times during a rally in a tie-break. Nelson clinched the shoot-out 13-11 in an hour and 47 minutes, to win the match in straight sets 6-4. 7-6 after six hours and 31



The longest Grand Slam singles match ever recorded was on the clay courts at the French Open on 31 May this year. Alex Corretja, (left) of Spain, beat Hernan Gumy. of Argentina, in the third round of the men's singles, 6-1, 5-7, 6-7, 7-5, 9-7, after five hours and 31 minutes.

Longest Wimbledon finais Men's singles: four hours and 16 minutes (1982), Jimmy Connors beat

6 (7-5), 6-4. Women's singles: two hours 28 mins (1970), Margaret Court beat

John McEnroe, 3-6, 6-3, 6-7 (2-7), 7-

Billie Jean King 14-12, 11-9. Men's doubles: five hours and one minute (1992), John McEnroe and Michael Stich beat Jim Grahb and Richey Reneberg 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 19-17.

Women's doubles: two hours and 49 minutes (1988), Steffi Graf and Gahriela Sahatini heat Larisa Savchenko and Natasha Zvereva 6-3,

Shortest Wimbledon finals

Men's singles: 37 minutes (1881), William Renshaw beat Rev John Hart-

Women's singles: 23 minutes Rest between points (1922), Suzanne Lenglen beat Molla . Changeover times Mallory, 6-2, 6-0.

ON GRASS (the fastest surface) Length of point Ball in play per hour 7min 18sec 3min 5Ssec Rest between points 17.6sec 27.4sec Changeover times 55.2sec 86.9sec

ON CLAY (the slowest surface)

Length of point 9.2sec 8.2sec Ball in play per hour 13min 01sec 20.6sec 21.0sec 63.2sec 69.3sec Research by ATP Tour in 1992

erably, to maybe a 23 per cent chance he is going to hold serve." While understanding Agassi's preoccupation with breaking Pete Sampras' serve, your correspon-

dent still regards the "no-ad" system as a potential passion killer. For example, we would have been denied the 20-minute game between Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vic-

Wimbledon women's singles final into one of the classics. The marathon game, in which Sanchez Vicario was serving at one set all and 5-5, comprised 32 points, "no-ad" system, Sanchex Vicario

tempting to parry a trademark Graf One-day tournaments at club

level, where time is tight, sometimes adopt a "one-ad" system. If the score goes back to deuce after the first advantage, the next point wins. This compromise, while preferable to "no-ad", still dilutes the sport as a comprehensive test of skill, nerve and endurance. ario which transformed the 1995 At the professional level, corpo-

rate-speak (e.g. "growing the game") tends to proliferate along with the burgeoning financial struc-ture. Such is the obsession with numbers that it may not be long before someone considers simplifying the

scoring of games by using 1, 2, 3, 4. For the uninitiated, the tradibonal system of scoring, admittedly quaint, derives from real, or royal tennis, and is based on the habit of using the clock face to record points. 1979).

"Love", the term for nil, probably is a corruption of the French l'oeuf (the egg) and is related to a "duck" in cricket. Deuce (40-all, or three points each), is from the French deux. meaning two more to win.

A set is "deuced" when the score becomes five games all, after which a player must be two games ahead (a rule which still applies in the final sets of Wimbledon matches) unless the score becomes 6-6, at which

stage the be-break comes into play. The tie-break, originated by an American, Jimmy van Alen, was a response to television's need for shorter matches after interest in the sport soared following the advent of open tennis 30 years ago. A successful ITF experiment in 1970 validated the innovation (Wimbledon adopted the tie-break at eight games all in 1971 and at six games all in

cepted as part of the luck of the game. Boris Becker comes to mind as a particular beneficiary, his hackhand drive thudding against the top of the net and "dying" in Ivan Lendl's court on the concluding point of a fifth set tiebreak in the final of the the 1988 Masters (now the ATP Tour World

Championship). The difference between that type of incident and a serve clipping the net and dropping over for an ace, traditionalists argue, is that the opponent would not have an opportunity to participate in the point. Pure aces, of course, represent one of the skills of the sport.

power and speed of the men's game, press for equality.

Net-cords in open play are ac- the ATP Tour produced some interesting statistics comparing the 1990s with the 1970s. Research showed that the amount of time the ball was in play per bour on grass was down to 3min 55sec compared with 7min 18sec in the 1970s. The length of points on grass had reduced from 3.8sec to 2.7sec.

A player such as fvanisevic is caable of reducing points to a single shot. As Sampras, the five-times Wimbledon champion and winner of 11 Grand Slam singles titles, observes: "Give Goran a basketball, and he'll still hit an ace."

Billie Jean King, winner of a record 20 Wimbledon titles (six singles, 10 doubles, four mixed doubles), Methods of making tennis more and triumphant against the middle interesting are constantly under aged Bobby Riggs in the 1973 "Batreview. A few years ago, at the tle of the Sexes" match at the height of a debate concerning the Houston Astrodome, continues to

"I wish the men would play only two out of three sets instead of three out of five," she says. "It's boring, five sets. This is the 1990s."

In the modern game, players are taking more time between points to mop their brow, check their racket strings, knock the court surface off the soles of their sboes (even if the surface is artificial), tug at their garments and exercise their limbs. And that is before they get to sit down and reat during changeovers (chairs were first provided on court at Wimbledon in 1975).

The spectacle of players sitting down and taking a break after the opening game of a match is a source of hilarity or irritation, depending on the point of view. Of course, changeovers do provide an ideal opportunity for television companies to run commercials, the most profitable

Huddersfield seek cash injection Fisher bides his time

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

HUDDERSFIELD, STINGING from their worst defeat of the season, want to stop being the poor men of Super League. The club is fighbog with one

hand tied behind its back, without a share of the News Corporation money to finance its efforts to become competitive. "We don't want to be moaning est in the job is a vote of confidence. minnies," said their chairman, Ken

to compete when something we were expecting to receive hasn't happened. We are not even getting as much as we did last season."

come into Super League this season is to rebuild morale after the 68-18 problem runs in the game in Ausas an extra club without the same funding as other sides. "But we replaced Paris as the 12th team and expected to be funded accordingly." said Davy. "We are working towards a settlement with the Rugby League for this season and we will get our

full share next year." Davy is in no hurry to make a new coaching appointment. following the dismissal of Garry Schofield two weeks ago, but says the inter-

"We are very encouraged by the Davy. "But it has been very difficult amount of interest shown in the vacancy, including some very highprofile people," said Davy.

Phil The caretaker-coach. Veivers, has declared himself a can-Huddersfield volunteered to didate, but his most immediate task cern about how deep the drugs Division matches next summer.

defeat at St Helens.

Sheffield Eagles have called a press conference for today to allay any fears that their coach, John Kear, might be on his way to St Helens.

Paul Rowley, of Halifax, and Castleford's forward, Michael Smith, have been told they have no case to answer after incidents for which they were placed on report at the weekend.

Almost a fifth of players polled by the Australian magazine, Rugby League Week, say that they have been offered a performance-enhancing drug. More still, 23 per cent compared with 17 per cent, say they are aware of clubs where officials have run drug programmes.

The findings bave deepened con-

tralia. Four prominent players, three of them from the ARL champions, the Newcastle Knights, have been caught using steroids and suspended this season.

Two of Australia's higgest clubs, Parramatta and Penrith, are set to merge. Along with the amalgamations of St George and Illawarra, South Sydney and Cronulla, plus others in the pipeline, that will put high quality players oo the market.

Gateshead, Cardiff and Swansea whose applications for franchises will be ruled upon next week, will all see that as strengthening their case. The Rugby League is close to

finalising a deal with Granada and

Yorkshire Television to screeo First

in Dublin

THE KERRYGOLD Dublin Horse Show, which begins its five-day run this morning, may prove to have far more than its usual significance in the formation of the Great Britain team for a major championship - in this case the World Equestrian Games to be held in Rome in October.

EQUESTRIANISM

BY GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Both the top two partnerships in the current series of international team trials (James Fisher on Renville and Di Lampard on Abbervail Dream) will be competing. So will Nick Skelton on a horse with a burgeoning reputation, David Broome'a Virtual Village Hopes are High.

They will be joined by John. Whitaker (whose two mounts include the Windsor Grand Prix winner, Diamond Cliff) and Cart Edwards. Robert Smith competes as an individual. He will be hoping to

competes in the closing Kerrygold Grand Prix on Sunday. This will be Fisher's first appearance in the splendid Ballsbridge showground and his form here may help him to decide whether to accept a place on the squad for the World Garnes. He is automatically qualified having won the first three team tri-

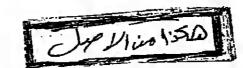
repeat last year's victory when he

als on Renville. So far Fisher has declined to say whether or not he will take up the vinced that the careful and consis-

tent Renville is capable of tackling championship courses.

Ronnie Massarella, the Great Britain team manager, will probably delay naming his quartet to compete against six other countries in the Samsung Nations Cup on Friday. The most interesting combination he could pick would be the Dutch-bred Renville and three frish-hred horses: Abbervail Dream, Hopes are High and Diamond Cliff.

The Ireland team, which has been growing in strength in recent years. 🍎 will be formidable opponents as they attempt to follow last year's victory. The other countries - Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland - will be represented by challenge. He has yet to be conmark but are not yet established



Anger at English move on Europe

RUGBY UNION

BY CHRIS HEWETT

A NEW set of trenches were being dug along rugby's bitterly contested European front yesrday as the top brass of the ort's establishment reacted furiously to the latest audacious initiative by England's battalion of professional clubs. The Irish, in particular, scaled previously unconquered heights of apoplexy over a last-minute move to create a new cross-border competition heavily biased towards English and French

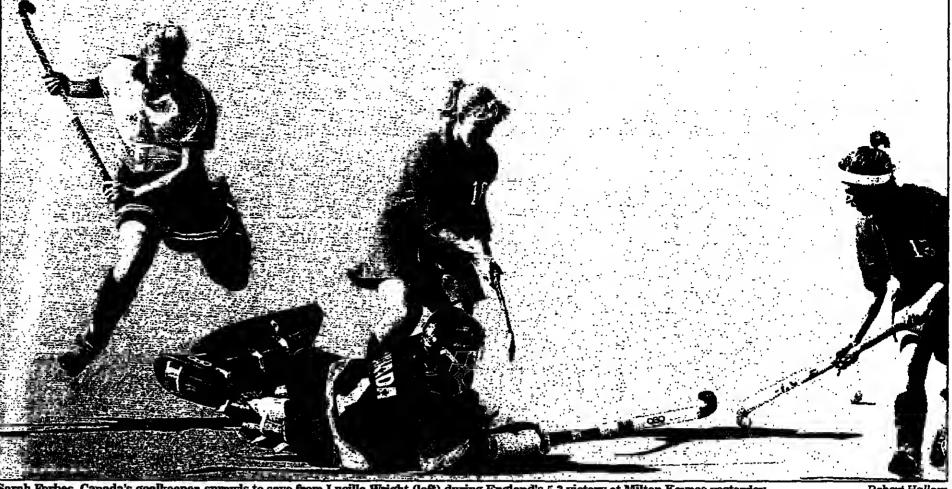
Noel Murphy, the president of the Irish Rugby Football Union. accused both the English clubs and their lords and masters at Twickenham of damaging the interests of the wider northern hemisphere game by effectively seeking to wreck the existing tournaments run by European goby Cup Ltd. "We're greatly perturbed and concerned that the Rugby Football Union has acted in such a manner without informing their fellow unions of their intentions," he said. "By their activity, both they and the clubs are likely to endanger the interests of others. We trust

they will desist." Others went still further. Roger Pickering, the tournament director of the existing Heineken Cup and European Conference competitions and chief executive of the Five Nations organising body, described the joint RFU-club moves as "staggering and incomprehensible". He insisted that next season's ERC tournaments would proceed with or without the English, who anafter a rash of personality clashes and complaints over competition atructures and financial arrangements.

Pickering conceded that no sponsorship deal had been fi-nalised for the forthcoming competitions - "We're still talking to Heineken while looking at alternatives" - and admitted that BSkyB were "understandably uneasy" at the absence of the high-profile English clubs. There is also considerable concern in ERC circles at the attitude of eight of the most senior French clubs, who were meeting their own federation today to air their objections to participating in an event wholly devalued by the

"no" vote across the Channel "I am, however, entirely confident that the ERC tournaments will go ahead with a major sponsor and broadcast agreements in place," he added. "We deal with the respective unions and five of the six unions are very definitely on board. We know that the RFU in England has particular problems and we sympathise with them; I would work seven days a week, night and day, to get the English clubs back in."

Back on the domestic scene, Coventry beat their fellow bigname bankrupts, Bristol, in the resurrection race by announcing a rescue package that should ensure their immediate future in the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Keith Fairbrother, a former Coventry and England prop. is fronting the consortium of investors taking over Bristol should receive details of at least one takeover offer today when Jeff Lewis, the former treasurer and chief executive. reveals his own plan to salvage



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Sarah Forbes, Canada's goalkeeper, sprawls to save from Lucilla Wright (left) during England's 5-3 victory at Milton Keynes yesterday

Double for Cullen inspires stylish England

BY BILL COLWILL in Milton Keynes

England Canada

ENGLAND YESTERDAY demonstrated an exuberant style all too rarely seen as they romped

to a 5-3 victory over Canada which, with better finishing and a penalty-corner drill, would surely have reached double fig-

The visitors battled, but their sporadic counter-attacks were inadequate in comparison with the well-oiled English machine, Yet it was Canada who opened the scoring in the 11th minute

through Kirsten Taunton. This scored the first of her two goals was England's first outing since 24 minutes into the game when they finished a disappointing ninth in the World Cup in Utrecht in May. Yesterday's team. as selected for the Commonwealth Games next month, shows four changes, one of whom, Denise Marston-Smith, equalised at a penalty stroke

she exchanged passes with Mandy Nicholls in a glorious move to put England ahead. Her second, four minutes after the interval, followed a mis-hit push out at a penalty corner.

Canada now had their best spell of the game, Christine defence before Jenny Zinkan-McGrade, at a well-worked penalty corner, equalised at 3-3. Jane Sixsmith restored England's lead in the 55th minute following a precision pass from Cullen. Within a minute Sixsmith herself burst through to provide Jane Smith with England's fifth. The teams meet

Christie pays respects to protege Malcolm

BY PETER MARTIN m Cardiff

IT WAS meant to be a home hero, Christian Malcolm, at last night's Welsh Games here. But Malcolm, the double gold medallist at last week's World Junior Championships, was

a demanding competitive domestic 100 metres that included Colin Jackson and Doug

Nime races in six days had taken its toll on Malcolm, the 19welcome for Wales' new young year-old from Gwent who won the 100 and 200 metres world junior titles in Annecy. Last night's grand welcoming home party, therefore, was restricted to a run in a low-key relay and just too weary after his exer- a presentation to recognise the

by his manager, Linford Chris-

It will now fall to Christie and his Nuff Respect agency to help to maximise the youngster's earning potential, without having him over-race before representing Wales at next month's Games in Kuala Lumpur, a difficult path to negotiate suc-

If anything, the most difficult part of the task will be choosing

the right offers to turn down, for Malcolm bas the sort of speed

and acceleration which has already earned the plaudits from the likes of the former Olympic 100m champions Allan Wells and Carl Lewis, and could soon be earning him dollars from in-Commonwealth ternational meeting directors. Until now, Malcolm's biggest

pay-day was the £700 he won two years ago in the Peebles Sprint, at an old-fashioned, Highland Games-style meeting staged on a grass track. But Malcolm will be entering a professional sport in a different financial environment than that which greeted the last Welshman to win a world junior gold. When Colin Jackson gradu-

ated from the junior ranks in 1986, there were multi-million pound sponsorship deals coming into the sport in Britain. Last night's meeting in Cardiff is a sign of things to come, though. Only the meetings with

the biggest budgets - such as Zurich next week, for example - can still afford the first-class transport, five-star hotels and lucrative appearance fees that were once the norm even for the most modest competitor.

For Cardiff last night, what funding there was came from the local authority plus backing from hotels providing some rooms for the night. The athletes, by and large, were competing for nothing.

Leblanc calls for new code of conduct for Tour

CYCLING

THE RACE director of the Tour de France, Jean-Marie Leblanc, said vesterday that future competitors would have to adhere to a new code of conduct.

-We'll release a code of couduct and ethics to which the teams will have to adhere." Leblanc said. "If a team on Tour is guilty of bad conduct, it will immediately be challenged."

In total, seven people have been placed under investigation an drug-related charges during the Tour. Among them were three officials of the Festina team, two from TVM, a doctor from ONCE and one rider, Italy's Rodolfo Massi of Casino.

Leblanc expressed hope that the Tour would emerge stronger as a result of the drug scandal, saying teams would now have to "examine their consciences". Spanish riders have pulled

out of the women's Tour de France in protest at the doping investigations. "We take this measure because of the poor treatment received by Spanish cyclists and teams in the Tour de France," the Spanish cycling federation said in a statement. "It's a test of solidarity for

ear that the same incidents will occur in other races and that will only contribute to damage the image of cycling."

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of coaches sacked since the Brazilian championship began 10 days ago. Edinho was sacked by Gremio vesterday, joining Anwrica-Natal's Eduardo Amorim and Vantuir of Atletico

Mineiro, both fired after just one game.

ATHLETICS Eleni Tsentemeidou, the Greek na-tional record-holder in the women's shot, has tested positive for steroids and will miss the European Cham-

BASEBALL

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Yankees 14 Caktand 1: Seattle 3 Boston 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 6
Philadelphia 1: Montreal 6 San Diego 1; Forida 11 Houston 3: Coterado 7 Pietsburgh 2:
Los Angeles 8 New York Mets 5: Arizona 6
Chicago Cobs 5: Milwaukee 6 St Louis 5.

BASKETBALL

Sheffield Sharks have signed Travis Conlan, the 6ft 4in point guard from the University of Michigan. MORLD CHAMPIONISHIPS (Achess): Group & Russia B1 Canada 72. Group Fr

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Coolson (Minstard) bt M Gatdale (BarTow) 21-12: P R Davies (Nearington) bt P Walesfield (Meshorough) 21-17.

CRICKET

Torn Moody, the Australian all-rounder, has signed a one-year extension to his contract with Worcestershire. SECOND XX CHAMMINONISMIP (Pleas day of three): Sombanispoon Susset 329 for 7 (G R Carpenter F. N R Taylor 79. A A Khan 59) v Hampshire.

FOOTBALL

Ray Mathias, the former Wigan Athletic manager, yesterday re-turned to Springfield Park for a sec-ond spell in charge. Richard Rufus, Charlton's 23-year-hid defender has slenged a four-year old defender, has signed a four-year contract with the club.

Good Sedioski, Sheffield Wednesday's Macedonian international, will miss the start of the Premiership season after breaking his nose during the pre-season programme. Toni Poister, the veteran Austrian striker and captain, has retired from the international game at the

age of 34, after winning 94 caps.
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Chelsea 0 Atletico Madrid 4. MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Pric

muli D Grimsoy 2; reconstruct 1 birms m 3; Newport AFC 5 Merchyr Tyddi 1.

Sheffield's Super League match against London on 11 September has been moved to Sheffield United FC's Bramall Lane ground. The Don Valley Stadium is being used for a Spice Girls concert on the same night.

RUGBY UNION

Bath, the European champions, will play two pre-season friendlies in France against Perigueux on the 15 August and Dax on 18 August.

Cardiff face the prospect of being thrown out of the Weish Rugby

Union after a High Court ruling that they can be expelled for refusing to sign a 10-year agreement with the WRU, which wants all its Premier Division clubs to pledge their loyalty

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Hendry so happy to be home at last

FOOTBALL

By NICK HARRIS

COLIN HENDRY yesterday fulfilled his long-held ambition of joining Rangers as he comoleted a £4m move from Blackburn Rovers to Ibrox.

The 32-year-old Scotland captain has been at the centre of protracted negotiations for year contract to hecome the his services since learning of Rangers' interest some weeks ago, Rovers were loath to lose their inspirational defender and initially demanded £5.15m for him, while Rangers were only prepared to pay £2.5m,

Advocaat's short reign as the Rangers manager. "It has always been my desire to come here for the most part of my career and my name has been mentioned in connection with them for the last

ternational level.

End is nigh for Gascoigne

PAUL GASCOIGNES'S days as an international player are over if the England squad announced vesterday is any indication.

The Middlesbrough player's name was not among the 29 called by Glenn Hoddle for two first Euro 2000 qualifying game, against Sweden next month.

matic rediscovery of form and fitness for Gascoigne to earn a recall. The get-together, be-Hoddle's vision for the future

Liverpool and Arsenal players are unavailable due to club duties, but even without Tony Adams, David Seaman, Ray Parlour, Martin Keown, Michael Owen, Steve McManaman, Jamie Redknapp, Paul Ince and Dominic Matteo, there is still no place for Gascoigne. At the age of 31, there seems little time left for a reconciliation between the playmaker and the coach who dropped him from his France 98 squad. Gascoigne's advisor, Mel Stein, said yesterday: "The England manager picks the squad and the England players available for selection have to respect his

International experience days' early preparations for the still has its place in his Hoddle's plans with Ian Wright and Andy Hinchcliffe both back in the fold. Although Hoddle said last Seven young uncapped players night that the door is not shut for are also included, including .him' it would probably take a dra- Lelcester's striker, Emile Heskey, and Coventry's forward, Darren Huckerby.

The only notable absentee

midfielder David Batty, who would have been likely to have been included had he been fit. ENGLAND SOUAD (preparation for Euro 2000): T Flowers (Backburn). N Martyn (Leeds), I Walker (Rozenham), R Wright (pswch), S Campbell (fotterham), W Quinn (Sheifleid United), C Serrant (Newastie), K Dyer (pswich), O Huckerby (Coventry), R Ferdinand (Wext Ham), G Southgate (Aston Vila), G Neville (Manchester United), P Neville (Manchester United), O Anderton (fottenham), O Beckham (Manchester United), G Lee Saux (Chelsea), A Hinchelliffe (Sheifleid Wednesday), N Butt (Manchester United), E Heskey (Lexester), P Merson (Middesbrough), P Scholes (Manchester United), L Ferdinand (Rottenham), A Shearer (Newastie), T Sherlingham (Manchester United), O Qublin (Coventry), I Wright (West Ham), A Cole (Manchester United), been included had he been fit.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

But, after a weekend of few close seasons now, Hendry said. "It was a big fac-tor for me as a professional footleogthy negotiations between the Ibrox chairman, David baller at the highest level of the Murray, and his Blackburn game to be playing for arguably the biggest club in Britain. It counterpart, Jack Walker, a compromise solution was found involving payments dependent was also very important for my on appearances at club and infamily to come back to Scotland,

as I have mentioned before." Hendry is ineligible for Hendry declared himself "ecstatic" after signing a four-Rangers' second Uefa Cup qualifying round tie against the Greek side PAOK Salonika eighth summer signing of Dick next week, but he could make his debut a week on Saturday in the Premier League match

against Motherwell Elsewhere in Scotland yesterday, the former Rangers striker, Ally McCoist, 36, ended speculation over where he would continue a career he has recently been tempted to retire

from by signing for Kilmarnock, Pierre van Hooijdonk, Nottingham Forest's Dutch striker, last night insisted that he will not be returning to the club, even though he could face the prospect of being suspended from all football

Van Hooijdonk still has four years of his contract to run but yesterday told his manager. Dave Bassett, that the Forest board lacks sufficient ambition to keep him interested in playing at the City Ground.

Forest could stop Van Hooijdonk from playing elsewhere, but be is boping they will instead agree to the transfer request which was rejected last week - a decision which led him to remain in his native country. Forest may yet cancel Kevin Campbell's uncompleted move they decide to let Van Hooijdonk

Bradford City have halted the proposed £900,000 transfer of Samassi Abou from West Ham after it was discovered the player was suffering from malaria, thought to have been contracted during a trip to the Ivory Coast during the close season. Bolton have completed the free transfer of the 19-yearold Icelandic striker Eidur Gudjohnson from PSV Eindhoven. Super league intrigue, page 6



Ramprakash hoping to be fit for vital Test

BY MYLES HODGSON

MARK RAMPRAKASH successfully came through a voluntary net session at Headingley yesterday to caim England's fears about his fitness for the deciding Test against South Africa, which starts tomorrow.

The Middlesex batsman has suffered from tonsillitis since just hefore the last Test at Trent Bridge, where he shrugged off his discomfort to score an unbeaten 67 in England's first innings.

The illness has lingered in the week since England levelled the series with an eight-wick- have all come back fine. They

et victory in Nottingham, have ruled out glandular fever putting Ramprakash's partic-

ipation at Headingley in doubt. But there is a desire within the England camp to play in this crucial Test and Ramprakash was joined by Andrew Flintoff, captain Alec Stewart, Michael Atherton and Nasser Hussain at the voluntary session.

"I'm hoping to play, but the illness does leave me feeling a little tired and lethargic." "I never really got rid of it

since before the Trent Bridge Test and then I played six successive games including the NatWest quarter-final.

"The blood tests I have had

or anything like that."

The chairman of selectors David Graveney, sald: "I would be amazed if be is not fit enough to play."

The match referee, Ahmed Ebrahim, is expected to speak to the South African fast bowler Allan Donald about his criticism of the handling of the Nottingham Test by the umpire Mervyn Kitchen before making a decision about whether to

take disciplinary action. Donald claimed Kitcher made "a few shocking decisions" and "looked like he was struggling" - a clear breach of clause eight of the International Crick-

Police 'spotters' go on Test alert

ball intelligence and high technology to avert any crowd trouble at the fifth Test between England and South Africa, starting at Headingley tomorrow.

Trouble has occurred in previous years on the Western Terrace, which houses 6,000 spectators and traditionally attracts the rowdier element of the Headingley crowd.

And after unruly behaviour during the first Test at Edgbaston earlier this year, West Yorkshire Police have adopted similar methods to those used by their colleagues at the National Football Intelligence

They will employ plainclothed "spotters", with knowledge of known local hooligans. tralian coach during the 1993 and video surveillance equip-Ashes series. The measures

have been used at a Test ground in this country.

Inspector David Boyle, the match commander for police operations at Headingley, explained: "There is increasing evidence that people are attending in order to extend their football xenophobia within cricket."

The drive to prevent soccertype booliganism creeping into cricket follows a number of serious incidents during Headingley Tests. These have included a pig's head being paraded on the Western Terrace during the visit of Pakistan in 1992 while the reserve wicketkeeper Tim Zoehrer was nunched as he got on to the Aus-

with an alcohol ban on the Terrace while spectators sitting in other areas will be limited to one bottle or four cans each.

The restrictions on fancy dress, first implemented during the Texaco Trophy match at Headingley and also adopted at Old Trafford for the third Test will again be in force.

Yorkshire still have tickets available despite the explosion of interest in the aftermath of England's Trent Bridge victory when 15,000 were sold in a week to pass the £1m mark.

Nearly 6,000 are available for Thursday, 1,000 for Friday and 2,000 for Saturday and the chief executive, Chris Hassell, said: "Trent Bridge was just what we

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people's eyes when mention is made of the South of France. For most, it is the capital of chic: a sun-kissed playground of exotic resorts and spectacular scenery studded with ancient vineyards - among them, La Motte, La Boulandière and Les Garrigues de Truilhas, where James Herrick makes the definitive Midi Chardonnay. Rich, stylish and full of taste: fresh, yet fruity and long-finishing. And amazingly inexpensive. Why settle for vin ordinaire when you can afford the glorious lames Herrick CHARDONNAY

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VEDNESDAY REVIEW

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eter Divine, a retired lorry driver from Bradford, is sporting an impressive straw hat in Australian bushwhacker style. Pinned inside the band is a label warning of the dangers of exposure to too much sun. There seems little risk in Skegness. Not today, anyway. It's a blustery July morning during which the sun makes only fleeting appearances between thick banks of cloud.

DEPENDENT

As Peter state out from one of the many glass-and-steel shelters ranged along the front, the main danger is that the bracing breeze will whip away his hat. Luckily, it is tethered by a leather thong around his jaw. Just as well. By now, it could be half way to the North Sea, which is clearly visible in the middle distance beyond a lengthy stretch of sand. Peter's daughter. Debbie, has just slogged to the shoreline and back with some of the six pale and freckly children she shares with her sister Michelle. "We just paddled," says Debbie. The blue EU flag, standing out stiffly from a nearby pole, proclaims the water here safe for bathing. But very few souls are hardy enough to take the plunge. And who can blame them? Even in August, the North Sea is much colder than the Mediterranean.

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Both Peter and Debbie have seen the Med. He's been to Malta with his wife. She's been to Ibiza with the kids and her former husband. On the whole, they prefer Skegness. "For entertainment and food. England's the best," says Peter. "There's no danger, is there?

You don't know what you're eating when you're abroad."

Debbie finishes her carton of mushy peas with mint sauce and says: "All there is abroad really is sand, sun and water." Also, loud disco music when they went to San Antonio, Ibiza. "We were put near one of those 18-30 holiday mobs," she says. "They kept us awake all night. It wasn't really suitable for a family." She much prefers a caravan site on the east coast of England.

"There's amusements and a club with karaoke," she says. "And there's a fairground up the road." Michelle nods enthusiastically. She has never been abroad, and doesn't intend to start now. She is not alone. Far from it. Every time England is hit by a

poor summer, the obituaries are written for the traditional English seaside holiday. Prematurely, it would seem, if Skegness is a seaside noticiay. Frematurely, it would seem, if Skegness seally anything to go by. Every year it accounts for what the fitterism or partment calls "5 million bed-nights". When day heart been tried to this equation, a population of around 16,000 heart been tried to something like 200,000. centre. When well to something like 200,000. rison or Aftere is no shortage of visitors during my stay. Two rison or Aftere is no shortage of visitors during my stay. Two rison or Aftere is no shortage of visitors during my stay. Two rison or Aftere is no shortage of visitors during my stay. Two rison or After town had the warmest day so far this year It made three geometric town had the warmest day so far this year. It made three geometric town had the warmest day so far this year.

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"I'm not staying here to get drowned," Bill Johnson, a former Grimethorpe miner, tells his grandson as he folds up two blueand-white-striped deckchairs and prepares to abandon a wonderfully elaborate sandcastle he has spent hours constructing. He does, though, delay his departure from the front long enough to tell me that he and his wife, Maureen, have previously enjoyed holidays in Bulgaria and the former Yugoslavia. "We were in Yugoslavia when the war started," he confides. "They had to cancel all the tours. Ohviously we haven't been hack since."

Despite the rain, Bill seems glad to be back in Skegness for the first time since he and Maureen came to Butlin's here four years ago. "They've done it up a bit since then and I think they've done a good job," he says.

I'he last resort



The sensual pleasures of the Mediterranean are still lost on some Britons - fortunately for many of our seaside towns. And though good weather is promised for this weekend the breezes of Skegness remain forever bracing

Hunkered behind their windbreak, Brian and Janine Hoyle from Huddersfield have braved the shower and are now being rewarded with a shaft of sunlight. It gints on Brian's gold medallion, clearly visible through the V of his white sports shirt, which matches his white trainers and white socks. "If you go abroad, it's too hot for the kids," says Janine, a play group supervisor, as her own children, Katie (eight) and Jonathan (four), play in the sand.

"It depends what you want," says Brian, a purchasing controller. "You can guarantee the weather abroad, but that's all you get. There's not the amenities in terms of entertainment." What about the food?

BY CHRIS ARNOT

Well, we went all over Italy before we had the kids, and I love Italian food. But you can get that anywhere. It's the same with your curry. That's no longer just an Indian dish, is it?"

At the nearby Boating Lake Café, the dish of the day is "beef

stew and chips". An enormous woman who has a roll of fat protruding from her back like a bolster is at an outside table and putting away fish and chips as though her life depended on it. I stroll on though the wedge of commercial activity that sep-

arates the beach from the promenade. Past the Jolly Roger Adventure Golf, past Lena Petulengro, the Romany palmist, past the Children's Adventure Centre and the advertisements for the Embassy Theatre. Roy "Chubby" Brown is in town and we're invited to "see Chubby part the curtains with his helmet". There are sunbeds in the nearby swimming-pool-endowed

"fitness suite" and, coincidentally no doubt, the café across the way is playing "A Whiter Shade of Pale" through its speakers. Across the road, the businesses in the Oasis Food Court are involved in cut-throat, cut-price competition. "The cheapest rock in Skegness: 18 sticks for a pound," proclaims one sign. "Footlong sausage and chips: £1.50," says another, perhaps with Chub-

I find this offer easy to resist and decide instead to reacquaint

myself with Shipstone's Bitter at the Shades pub opposite Woolworths. Inside, a robust discussion is going on about proposals for 24-hour licensing. "It'll lead to more violence," explains one of the barmen, "because more people will be pissed."

"Well, you can only drink so much before you fall over," says a customer, with irrefutable logic. The barman shuts up. This seems wise. The customer bears an uncarmy resemblance to Les Battersby, the middle-aged yoh of Coronation Street. He's wearing a vest. So is his woman companion, who has broader shoulders and higger tattoos. The barman is wearing a polo shirt inscribed with the old-fashioned homily. "The best things in life are free," It seems like a good cue to return to the beach.

Beyond the donkeys, and adjacent to the Mr Softy ice-cream van, Tom Linton is putting the finishing touches to a sandcastle with even more turrets than Bill Johnson's. His granddaughter, wrapped in a towel and shivering in her pushchair, looks less than impressed.

But his son Paul, only six years older, appears to be satisfied. Tom's wife, Glenys, looks on proudly. "We just enjoy a British holiday," she says. "He likes roast beef and Yorkshire pud. No foreign food for him." Tom is a security guard from Goole, near Hull; Glenys is a

housewife. "This is a Sun holiday," she says, and I must look baffied because she goes on: "You know: the newspaper It was a special offer - five days in a caravan for £15 each." If that's the cheapest holiday in Skegness, the Vine Hotel al-

most certainly offers the most expensive. Ivy-clad, three-star and RAC-recommended, it stands aloof on the edge of town, a cut above the rest. Bed and breakfast here costs £45 a night, which works out at £315 a week. That's exactly how much I paid last month for a week in Kefalonia.

A Greek island, or Skegness? For many people there's no competition: Skegness every time. They want to travel no further east or south than this sandy place where, as Philip Larkin might have put it (if he hadn't been in Hull at the time), "sky and Lincolnshire

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Asylum policy

Sir. Jack Straw and his Shadow Cabinet colleagues were unequivocal in their opposition, on both moral and practical terms, to the Tory government's withdrawal of welfare benefits to a large percentage of asylum seekers in February 1996. It was a measure which they considered tantamount to an attempt to starve them out of the country. Now, just over a year after taking office, they have gone even further than the Tories in proposing to terminate cash payments to all asylum seekers, allegedly to deter economic

The Government's newly released White Paper on the entire asylum and immigration sector is entitled "Fairer, Faster and Firmer" and repeats this mantra over and over again as only New Labour's zealots can. As long as torture victims have their medical reports rubbished by the Home Office, tailed asylum seekers are sent back to countries like Algeria. where 100,000 have died since 1991, and refugees are locked up without ever having committed a crime. I believe that "Cost-cutting, Crackdown and Control would be a more apt soundbite for this Government's asylum and immigration policy. HARVEY BURGESS London N2

Man's best friend?

Sir: The Government announcement on new guidelines regulating xenotransplantation may have given the false impression that animal to human transplants will be saving human lives in the imminent future (report, 31 July). In reality, a combination of hype and hope has obscured the fact that the obstacles to xenotransplantation ever becoming a clinical therapy are enormous

The unpredictable consequences of the introduction of genetically modified pig tissue into living human subjects and, in particular, the well-reported risk of novel infectious diseases being introduced to the human population as a result of animal-tohuman virus transfer overshadow all consideration of this matter. Best present evidence indicates that this latter risk cannot be completely eliminated: the possibility of this potentially devastating eventuality must be balanced against a realistic assessment of the likely success of

the procedure. Animal and human organs differ in nuoterous ways: in their production of and response to hormones: in their rates of liltration, secretion and absorption of electrolytes, enzymes, and other chemical substances; in their immunological and histological properties: in their physical structure; and not least their expected langevity. Any one of these multiple discrepancies could proce an insurmountable obstacle to the success of this procedure: in combination they are likely to prove fatal to it. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Imutran's claim in 1995 that they were ready to proceed to human clinical trials has been proven irresponsible to the point of recklessness by the stringent regulation the Government has subsequently introduced. The unplication now that a cure to the shortage of organs for transplant is only a few animal experiments away raises premature, and almost certainly false, hope. Nenotransplantation is not a panacea: It is speculative. potentially dangerous, and more a product of the financial high riskhigh reward principles of commercial biotechnology than a considered and prudent response to the organ shortage. ALISTAIR CURRIE Sheffield

Sir: Steve Connor's article on on xenotransplantation ("Why not have a heart-to-heart with a pig?" 1 August: was astonishingly simplistic. Creating genetically engineered pigs from which organs

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Continuing our series on car boot sales, a pair of vendors display their wares at Flixton, near Bungay, Suffolk

Brian Harris

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healing process to begin.

with plenty of space for

on, lots of colour.

real needs.

PIPPA LANE

sanitised stress, smells, noise and

Each garden could reflect the

needs of specific patients, some

wheelchairs, some with room to push beds into, others with

sandpits and pools, fountains, scented plants and plants good to

touch, different surfaces to walk

If there must be a garden by

which to remember someone who

we are told was not interested in

gardens, then let it enhance and

bring joy to a project which we are told was of real interest to her and

Sir. Win McCurrach, in calling for a

new national anthem (Letters, 3

August), is wrong in thinking that

monarch. It is a prayer to God, for

the monarch and, as the monarch

for all of us. In time of war, if the king or queen were "victorious".

then we all would be, his or ber

enemies being our enemies. And what can possibly be wrong with

should "defend our laws", and that

God should "save us all", unless of

course your correspondent is an

As for the anthem being 250

years old and bearing no relation

to modern times, how relevant

does Mrs McCurrach think her

new anthem would be if it were to

seriously imagine that the French

excesses of a revolution which took

would give up the "Marseillaise",

even though it recalls the worst

last, as she puts it, "for the next

thousand years"? Can she

place 210 years ago?

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DONALD FOREMAN

anarchist and atheist?

praying that the head of state

is head of the state in which we live,

the present anthem is a song to the

which would belo children with

Herham, Northumberland

God save us all

can be taken and transplanted into primates, with the organ grafts surviving for over 60 days is a great breakthrough. However this is still only a small step towards successfully transplanting these

organs into bumans. The issue of viral transmission is potentially extremely dangerous to the transplanted community and to the population at large and there will have to be conclusive studies done to show that transmission risk will be negligible before these transplants would be allowed to go ahead. This is particularly valid as there are other options for these patients - ie increasing the number of organs from human donors both

cadaveric and living. To increase the numbers of transplants done, and so reduce the suffering of several thousand people in this country alone, buman donation needs to be strongly encouraged. If we see pigs as the answer to these problems we may not get the publicity needed to start helping these patients now. MS R STANFORD

Local leadership

Sir. John Prescott's new White Paper on local government suggests that local authorities are "uniquely placed to provide vision and leadership to local communities". His officials, however, are worried that local authorities will be influenced by local interest groups and will not come to the "right" conclusion (in this case the Department's view on housing requirements!.

Does Mr Prescott want local authorities with powers, responsibilities and accountability for their actions; or does he want to be able to intervene whenever he or his officials disagree? Does he want a system of local government or a local agency for his Department?

Regrettably, the overwhelming bulk of legislation in the last 20 years has given successive

ministers wide-ranging, subjective powers to intervene and overrule. The number of directly accountable authorities has been overwhelmed by indirectly accountable quangos and other agencies.

The Government is in a unique position to offer a vision of a new constitution for this country and of a genuinely new relationship between central and local government. Is it up to the task? GRAHAM FORSHAW West Sussex County Council, Chichester

Blinded by science

Sir: Once again we have a distinguished scientist promoting science as a Good Thing (John Gribbin, "Why bother with science?", 29 July) as though the best path to honesty, integrity and morality lies in the methodology of science. If we use the words "science" and "scientist" in the same ill-defined, generalised way as he and other commentators do, we can quite forcefully say that

Sir: Hugh Lindsay (letters. 4

worst fears of those of us

organised religion. His

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other for those whose

problems.

NICK FULLER

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August) confirms many of the

science usually leads to technocratic arrogance. Scientists can be as venal as any other professional for they will go where the big money is. Science is increasingly commercialised and likely to be less open.

We have been brainwashed into thinking that science produces nice clear-cut answers, which of course it does within a certain domain of study. In the real, messy world of buman affairs, hardly anything is clear-cut. It does not need the "honesty, integrity and morality" of science to see through meretricious advertising or political double-speak. Think of any recent controversy and you'll find one lot of scientists promoting a certain course of action with an equally qualified lot against it. What can even the moderately qualified layman make of it all? Science is synonymous with its applications: one technical fix produces unforeseen side-effects which in turn need another technical fix, and so it goes on. Let

and less of the unwarranted triumphalism surrounding science and its achievements. CHRISTOPHER HILL Stockbridge, Hampshire

Garden care

Sir: Having recently read Sir Roy Strong's article ("Diana didn't want a garden", 28 July), I wonder if a memorial to the Princess of Wales could take the form of a hospital for children, with gardens designed as an essential part of every ward. As holistic treatments become more accepted, the idea of bealing gardens is at last being recognised as a very real part of recovery from illness or as a way of easing the waiting for terminal patients and their families.

It is extraordinary that orthodox medical practice has not understood the part that can be played by plants, scents, water, colour and the quiet delight of watching insects hovering amongst flowers, or birds singing. The utter relief of having access to

Some I know do something

enhanced. I suspect that few, if any, of the latter would wish to accept the awards waiting for them, especially as they would

grandchildren without spending any extra money on them (letter, 3 August).

I sometimes shudder at the organised lives modern children seem to live. Modern parents seem to think that they are not doing right by their children if they are not ensuring that they take part in all sorts of organised activities

be it term time or holiday time. every night of the week.

Stop sex tourists

Sir. Your leader ("Two ways to stop paedophiles who travel for sex". 4 August) leaves out of account a further, and by far the most important, way of stopping the abuse of children through sex tourism. Most are from poor regions, and for them and for their families their part- or full-time prostitution is a major, perhaps the major, source of livelihood. It is economic circumstance which has created the cultural acceptance of this phenomenon - in which. incidentally, perhaps one in a hundred male tourists offered a young prostitute is identifiable as a

In both the Philippines and Thailand the cause of labour migration and perturban slums is the unbalanced distribution of employment opportunity. with almost all industry and major commerce located to metropolitan areas. Poverty in the regions is, bowever, also the result of a lack of agricultural production development and markets, often contributed to by protectionism in the West.

The restriction on imports of the tapioca chips which could replace French beet in pig-feed supply to the EU, and US rice exports through food aid programmes. have for 30 years distorted the world food crop markets. This is to a massive extent to the detriment of Asian domestic small-scale producers and to the growth of industrial and econopercial systems which might, over time, displace ser as a saleable commodity.
JOHN PILGRIM

RUC and Catholics

Sir: Christopher Armstrong's letter (3 August) about the Royal Ulster Constabulary seems to stem from a rather peculiar point of view. Surely the shortage of Roman Catholic officers in this very gallant force owes rather more to successful intimidation by nationalist terrorists than to any other reason? We should all thus have great admiration for those officers of that faith who have remained to serve the community, and not use their small numbers as an excuse to disband the RUC and thus hand yet another victory to terrorism. THART-JONES Orpington, Kent

Cruelty to goats

Sir. Your article, "Goats used by MoD in submarine experiments" (3 August) says, "A minority of the experiments was conducted on animals that had not beet anaesthetised." What is so terrible about today's experiments is that an increasing number are psychological tests which bave to be done on conscious animals to gauge their mental and physical endurance of pain and deprivation.

As the very purpose of these tests is to assess the animals' response to intense and intensive suffering, one wonders how, or if. their welfare can possibly be covered by the Animals Scientific Procedures Act 1986 which claims to limit the amount of suffering laboratory animals are exposed to. Mrs JOAN HAGGARD Harpenden, Hertfordshire

Raise tobacco tax

Sir: Judith Draycott's assertioo that the "only" solution to crossborder cigarette smuggling is "an immediate and substantial cut in cigarette tax" is short-sighted letter 3 August).

Yes, tax rates are different across Europe. But given the wideranging bealth and social consequences of cigarette smoking, perhaps the better longterm solution is to campaign for the raising of all tobacco taxes. The evidence is overwhelming that we should seek to maintain disincentives to cigarette smoking. not remove them because other countries do not yet have the political will to tax. PHILIP ISHERWOOD Leigh, Lancashire

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IN BRIEF

us have a more balanced debate

suspicious of the dogma of performance is chemically opening sentence chastises Father Pat Buckley for having "thought" about the teachings of the Church. Such audacity! A be made of putty. thinking Churchman? Next ROBERT VÎNCENT will be a truthful politician and Andover, Hampshire

Sir: Well done the grandparents who managed to entertain their

Sir: One way of dealing with athletes whose performances benefit from drugs would be to establish a special category for them. We could then have two competition: one for those in the ordinary class and the

Children, like adults, need space for imaginative play. To quote W H Davies, "What is this life, if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?" Could this be why we are seeing more and more bored teenagers? JEAN REYNOLDS Waterlooville, Hampshire

Sir: In view of the ongoing debate about Scotland's relations with other countries within the British Isles, should not every local library in England, Wales and Northern Ireland carry at least one major Scottish journal so that people get a wider picture than soundbites on television? ANDREW IT KERR Jedburgh, Roaburghshire

were available on prescription, so

the police got involved." "I don't understand," I whispered to Adrian. "These three are all on the same side but they're all arguing against each other."

they're not illegal. I can't see why

"Tactics," whispered Adrian. "They're blocking the other team from even talking. If you don't talk, you don't get points. Clever stuff." But the other side started to make inroads here.

"You know what I find shocking De Farce'. You'd think that the British headline industry could

"What worries me deeply a your the Tour de France," said the gay guy, "is the lack of sexiness in it. What is less sexy than cycling round France in tight underwear?

"And what is more stupid than cycling round France, the most beautiful country in the world, and not seeing any of it?" said the woman. "Ask a top cyclist to describe what France is like, and he'll say it's just a lot of people waving little flags.' "I don't understand," I whis-

pered to Adrian. "They're not even talking about the drugs scandal." "That's the beauty of pub debate," whispered Adrian. "You get extra marks for diverting the topic

to your own hobby horses." The Crooked Billet ran out winners eventually. I'll bring you more news from the next round,

A huddle of Alf Garnetts from the Bunch of Grapes

FORGET THE Booker Prize. I have recently become involved in a much more exciting contest. Yes, I am proud to say that I have been invited to be a judge on the panel of the Pub Philosopher of the Year contest. The name is a bit misleading, because pub debate has nothing to do with philosophy and has more in common with pub

fighting. "There are five of us on the panel." the chairman, my old friend Adrian Wardour-Street, told me, "and we travel to all the pubs which enter the contest, and adjudicate their arguments. It's a bit like a pub quiz except that instead of them being given questions to answer, they're given subjects to

argue on. "What kind of subjects?" I want-

"Oh, some timeless things like whether the ends justify the means and some topical things, like Tony Blair's welfare state reforms.

"Philosophically speaking, "I said," I don't think you can actually discuss Blair's welfare reform, because there is no such thing. It does not exist, except as a concept. Can one discuss something which owes its existence solely to being announced..."

This is exactly the sort of thing we're trying to avoid," said Adrian. Contestants will lose marks heavily for that sort of pseudo-philosophical claptrap. What we want is real pub argument. But you'll get the idea when you do a hit of judging at the first preliminary round, which is next week in Kent somewhere the Bunch of Grapes against the Crocked Billet, Should be fun..."

And it was quite fun in its own way. The Bunch of Grapes had a team of three men who were all a bit like Alf Garnett - unbeatable in argument as long as you accepted their unacceptable premises while the Crooked Billet were playing clever in their team selection: one black guy, one woman and one white guy who was gay. It was like seeing the England rugby scrum take on a trio of New Labour spin doctors - not pretty

but enthralling. The subject for the evening's knock-out round was a topical one, the Tour de France and the drugs scandal. One thing that impressed me immediately was that it wasn't like an Oxford Union debate where one side supports the motion and the other side opposes it. That's why the Oxford Union is so sterile. No.



MILES KINGTON

Pub debate has nothing to do with philosophy and has more in common with pub fighting

when the Bunch of Grapes took on the Crooked Billet, it was not specified which side supported what use drugs, they should cancel the whole thing.' "Bollocks," said another "If they all use drugs, it's self-cancelling. If they all take oxygen-enhancing substances, it's the same for all of

idea. They were just given the topic to run with, so I shouldn't have been

surprised when the three Alf Gar-

netts from the Bunch of Grapes dis-

agreed violently among themselves.

of the great races of the world,

brought low by drug abuse. If the

pressure to win is so great that they

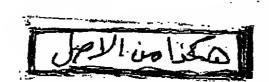
It's a disgrace," said one. "One

them, innit? I can't see it matters." "Yeah," said the third, "but what if some take drugs and some don't? Are you going to force non-drug takers to resort to illegal substances?"

"What's illegal about them?" said the first. "That's the thing I don't understand. All these drugs

about the Tour de France scandal?" said the black guy from the Crooked Billet, "I am deeply shocked that every newspaper I saw had the same headline - Tour

come up with something different



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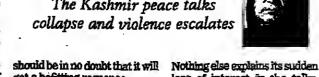
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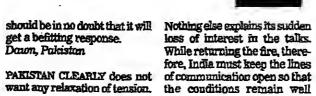
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communication should not Pakistan military from displaying the utmost vigilance and Their inflexibility, however, has from giving the Indian side as good as it gets. If India under the belligerent leadership of the BJP imposes a situation not of Pakistan's seeking, it should be under no illusion about Pakistan's response. If India tries that arms-twisting someone any adventure in Kashmir, it

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD The Kashmir peace talks





cause must realise that an escalation of conflict will make the problems more difficult. India. too, will have to be on guard that it does not fall into a trap set by the desperate elements in Pakistan's ruling troika. The Hinduston, India

under control Even those in

Pakistan who believe an act of

hrinkmanship will help their

THE SITUATION needs to be defused but it is not possible with-

instead of talking in the language of guns and rockets. Pakistan should not shun talks that include Kashmir... [these] ultimate task of resolving the are in our interest even if they are to continue for the sake of talking to each other. India should not be allowed to wriggle out of these as it appeared to be trying to do in Colombo, and there were some reports in our media which indicated that our hawks were ready to follow the

into a dialogue across the table

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An appointment that makes mock of the Commons

IN GUS Macdonald, the Government has provided us, with the extraordinary spectacle of a political appointee which - short of making John Birt Minister for Culture, Media and Sport - could not have been guaranteed to

create more of a rumpus if it had been planned that way. An ex-journalist and businessman often touted as Scotland's most powerful media figure, Mr Macdonald has been made the Scottish Minister for Industry and created a life peer simultaneously. If one were to be uncharitable one might say it looks as if he has been whisked there for opportunistic reasons.

OK, so he may know a lot about the business world in Scotland. But if this Government was primarily interested in putting experts into ministries of state why move Nick Brown from the whips' office to agriculture or Alistair Darling from the Treasury to social security in the recent reshuffle?

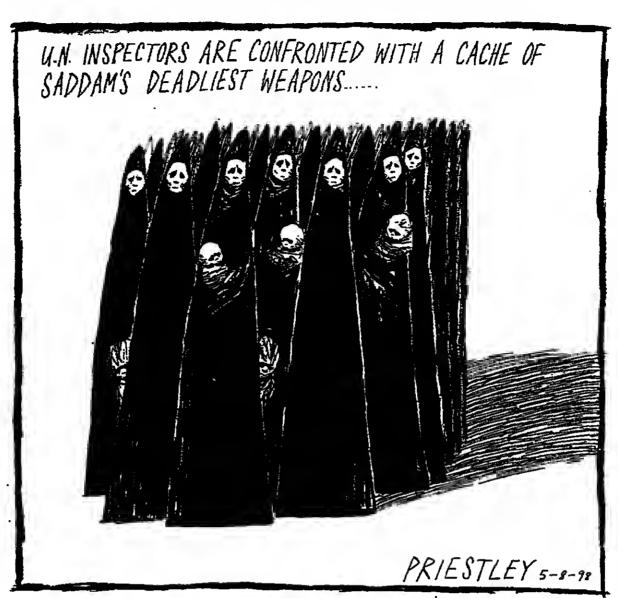
No. It seems far more likely that the decisive factor in the advance of the lucky Mr Macdonald - shortly to be Lord Macdonald of Castlemilk - was that he may provide a marginal political advantage for the Labour Party in the media in the run-up to the creation of the Scottish Parliament.

So what should we make of this? Should we begrudge him his good fortune or embrace the reality of practical politics? Either way, one thing is for certain; the many backbench Labour MPs who went to the trouble of running for election are going to be feeling undermined and undervalued as a result of his sudden elevation.

After all, they are probably wondering, what is the House of Commons supposed to be for these days? What is its actual function if it is not for announcing Government policy (apparently superseded in this respect by Breakfast with Frost and the Today programme), reading out a "state of the nation" address detailing the Government's achievements in its first year (now done in the PM's garden) or providing candidates for ministerial office?

If the Government is trying to send out the signal that it does not respect any of its own members enough to offer them the joh (which is surely what it has done, whether it meant to or not) then is this really an argument for reducing the number of members of Parliament and hoping that the calibre of entrants improves as a result? Should we be expecting a green

paper on electoral reform very soon? If this is not the case - and it almost certainly is not



- then, for the sake of the health of Parliament (which is heginning to look like a greenly atrophied part of the body politic), it might be a good thing to ask whether such an appointment should be possible in the first place.

Despite a certain similarity to the presidential method of appointing a cabinet in the US, there are important differences between that process and this. In Britain sovereignty is supposed to reside in the House of Commons: there is only one branch of government as opposed to the American three, so it has to be a healthy one.

For it to he so, it would make sense to have some sort of parliamentary hearing before putting non-elected members of the public into Government jobs, some kind of public accountability before, rather than after, assuming the mantle of power. This is the kind of stuff democracy is supposed to be made of.

On the plus side, however, Mr Macdonald's appointment has provided us with a certain amount of novelty value. Could this actually be that rarest of heasts, a preplanned yet badly spun Government announcement? You can almost guarantee that, had Alastair Campbell and so many of his cohorts not been away on holiday, we would have had mysterious glimpses of several "Blair babes" basking topless on a beach in the Bahamas, probably coupled with a special New Labour birthday tribute to the

Queen Mother - "God hless you, Ma'am!"

Now, hope marches down Bogside

THE BEST news of a wet and humid summer has come from, of all unexpected places, Londonderry. The agreement on the annual march, which could have set the whole province alight again, has been something that the whole country can take cheer from. The traditional August marching will now take place in the form of 13 individual marchers laying a wreath in the memory of the city's Protestant dead at the cenotaph. This, it has been agreed, will suffice - and without belittling a piece of history that the Protestant order has every right to commemorate whilst also doing justice to the feelings of resentment unsurprisingly experienced by the Catholic residents of Bogside when their community gets symbolically invaded each year.

It would be distasteful directly to connect the appalling events of last month - when three children died in a fire started by hatred - with this cheering outcome. But it does seem appropriate to reflect that the incident knocked the collective wind out of people everywhere and threw the disturbing post-peacesettlement events at Drumcree ioto sharp focus. A feeling arose that something was seriously fractured in a world where in the name of the past such a pointless tragedy had actually occurred in the present. It is more than possible that it may have provided an additional spur to the Londonderry negotiators. Who could fail to be moved by the Quinn family's loss?

The events of 310 years ago, when 10,000 Protestants died during the siege of Derry by Catholic James II. live on in the minds of many. But they are right to conclude this is possible without provoking a down-scale reprisal. It is a clicke, but only because it is true; those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past are condemned to repeat theor. In this instance it appears lessons about the quiet virtues of tolerance and respect are those commanding the most rapt listeners. No other outcome could offer such hope for the future.

Riders on the wall

THE GUGGENHEIM Museum in New York has hit upon a way of attracting a new, easy-riding type of artlover, An exhibition of "The Art of the Motorcycle", featuring classic BMWs and Harley-Davidsons, has seen the number of visitors up by about a half. Enterprising curators in Britain now have an example to follow. The new Bankside Tate could do worse than encourage the Morris Minor Owners Club to organise a rally for its opening. Pop art indeed.

Labour must free Britain's cities to use their own imagination

IT ALWAYS struck me that the politanything other than agents of central ical leaderships thrown up by local Of course, this analysis ignores the cities in the Eighties were unique to two great periods of creativity in local each city. In Sheffield, David Blunkett government this century. In the late was an ideal representative for the re-Twenties and the Thirties Labour spectable working-class culture that councillors fought to ameliorate the he typified. Blunkett could never have impact of the depression. The scale of the crisis they faced led to imagina-tive solutions, such as Sheffield Counclawed his way to the top of the Londoo Labour Party. This required a wholly different personality. Similcil's stunning array of public works. arly I would have got nowhere in In London, Herbert Morrison went Sheffield's politics, and neither of us could have hoped to get anywhere in one further and used the London County Council as a trial run to test Liverpool, where the engaging spiv the creation of a welfare state. Hu-Derek Hatton held sway. Because so much of Britain's polmanising the Poor Law, huilding municipal housing and even estabitics and media have been based in

lishing state restaurants. Morrison London we have never fully appreciworked through a first draft of the welated the cultural diversity of our fare state that Labour would create cities and regions in England. I never in post-War Britain. have any doubts when I'm delivering In the Seventies a similar hurst of a speech in Newcastle or Torquay that municipal imagination swept through these are distinctly different audiences Labour councils. The pro-public transto my London patch. They laugh at difport and pedestrianisation schemes ferent things, and what plays well in one area sinks like a lead balloon in of South Yorkshire and Norwich set a national standard in cheap travel. In another. But Tony Blair's and John Prescott's proposals for regional gov-London experiments with municipalising the private rented sector ernment in England and the introand a major extension of spending on duction of executive mayors for our the arts and social services were the major councils will change Britain consequences of a whole new younger more profoundly than any other single generation of councillors.

government policy. While this first creative period died That it should be Labour opening this particular Pandora's box is itself out as Attlee's government came to power and Labour's attention and amshocking. Labour, whether left or bitions were focused firmly on Westright, old or new, has always in its heart been traditionally a party of the minster, the second phase of municipal imagination was brutally centre. Whether it was Herbert Morcrushed by Margaret Thatcher. Far rison or Aneurin Bevan, the goal of from defending Labour councils, the three generations of Labour leaders Labour leadership of Neil Kinnock was to elect a Labour government that largely stood on the sidelines as the would then transform Britain from top death throes of municipal socialism down, Those who ran Labour governments seldom saw councils as became rather messy.



KEN LIVINGSTONE

Labour's proposals for executive mayors will change Britain more than any other single policy

John Prescott's thinking was formed as Mrs Thatcher's first recession devastated Britain's manufacturing base in the early Eighlies. It was about this time that I first met John Prescott, when he came to see me at the GLC. It was almost impossible to get a word in edgeways as he rattled off statistics and plans for rebuilding Britain's regions and using local government to do so. He ran into a temporary roadblock when Neil Kinnock gutted many of his proposals. But the ideas have clearly continued to he a major thrust of

Prescott's strategy. Last week we saw John Prescott's further proposals for restoration of powers to local government. The quid pro quo for these powers is introducing directly elected majors and greeted with incredulity in what reexecutive cabinets to replace the municipal tedium of leaders, chief whips and endless committee meetings.

of is the new local and regional structures will rapidly unleash in- the pink pound. novation and change. As confidence in these new tiers of government begins to build, we can expect to see the turn-out at local elections rising. In America local election turn-outs are higher than here largely because local mayors have real power. The problem for government, as with any parent watching their pimply ado-lesceot make mistakes, will be know-

ing when to let go.

If we just look at transport policy it is inevitable that different cities will develop different strategies. What is required for London and other hig cities in the form of bus lanes and subsidised fares, as well as reintroducing trams, may have little relevance to rural areas. In these it may require a much more idiosyncratic approach with the integration of postal and food delivery services into a public transport service network, and the introduction of subsidised taxis and

minibuses to reach outlying areas.
If transport requires different solutions in different areas the problem of unemployment and job creation is no different. If we look at London with its small manufacturing tradition it is immediately obvious that both cities will have to develop radically different strategies that reflect the different skills and traditions of its workforces. The news this week that the largest single generator of wealth in Sydney in Australia is the annual gay and lesbian Mardi Gras, will no doubt be mains of industrial Britain; but those who have seen the diversity and eco-

The one thing we can be certain festivals in Manchester and London will not be surprised at the power of

> At the end of the day the key problem for Labour is that by strengthening regional and city identities each area will start to fight for resources. For years the Barnet formula has giveo Scotland a more geoerous level of public spending than England, but the lack of equally effective political organisation by the MPs in England's regions has denied those regions the chance to make the case that Scotland did before. We have seen the first stirrings of new regional identity in the emergence of the powerful coalfield communities campaign. London Labour MPs have already become alarmed by scare stories in the press that the government intends to switch 2500m from London to the coal-

> field areas. Though Tony Blair firmly squashed this rumour at his last Prime Minister's Question Time, there is no doubt that this is the politics of Britain's future. Nor should we fear this, for democracy has always been about the

allocation of resources Tve no doubt that if we could look forward 20 years we would be able to see that it was this government that unleashed the transformation of Britain. Cootrary to the receot view. it is not local government that is ir-relevant; it is Whitehall. I've oo doubt that before I die I should live to see a federal government in Britain with Whitehall withering away as foreign affairs, defence and macroeconomic policy pass upwards to the elected European Parliament and the rest of Whitehall's functions pass downwards nomic strength of the lesbian and gay to a newly confident Britain of regions.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There's a great deal of fuss heing made about something that is not all that important." John McAllion, Labour MP. on Gus Macdonald's oppointment as Scottish Industry Minister

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Misce stultitiam consiliis brevem; duice est desipere in loco." (Mix a little foolishness with your prudence; it's good to be silly at the right moment) Нотасе. Roman poet

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IT SEEMS as though MPs were starting to get green even before John Prescott's recent call to cut down on car usage. The number of bonourable members claiming mileage allowances fell from 534 in 1995 to 238 in 1997, with the decrease in use of large-engined cars even more dramatic, according to parliamentary answers received by Norman Baker, MP for Lewes. Despite this uncharacteristic outbreak of environemental responsibility, it was not obvious that MPs were rushing to use that alternative form of transport. the hicycle. The number of MPs claiming the oew bicycle allowance is just one. Who can this heroic yellow

A WEEK is indeed a long time in politics, especially for Frank Field. When Field resigned his welfare reform brief on Monday 27 July he said he could support the Prime Minister mare effectively from the backbenches". By Wednesday, Field was berating the Chancellur. Gordon Brown, for not sharing the "commun endeavour" nf welfare reform. Last Sunday it was Harriet Harman's turn to feel the lash of Frank's tongue, as he accused her nf sinking his ideas into a "hlack hole". This Manday the attack had moved un to the "cancer" of spin doctors.

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Nice nne. Frank. Given that we are in the recess. a period when government departments have been hriefed to put out pusitive news sturies, Field has tn be commended for his uncman Millhank nperation. Unfortunately, Frank was lying uncharacteristically low when Pandora tried to contact him, no doubt drafting a few uther "messages of support" for the government.

IT WAS hoped that rock star Paul Weller (below) would attend last night's 10th anniversary party for the Fish Hairdressing Company



London. frontman



Weller (oot to be confused with Wella. that other range of hair products; is one of the celebrity clients of stylist Paul Burfoot, whose other star scalps include Damon Albarn, and Big Breakfast

star Johnny Vaughn. Vaughn, who endorses the Fish hairstyling range and whose face was plastered on every wall of the venue, only managed to turn up for a few minutes. Weller was sadly absent Must have been in, washing his hair that night.

THE GOVERNMENT Information Service has alerted ministries to the worrying trend of increasing "Rerolne" addiction. According to their factsheets this scourge is moving out from the towns and into the cnuntryside. Pandora has been told that nne Government official was concerned that large numbers of young men will clutter up doctors' surgeries clutching pictures of Kylie Minogue. Gillian Anderson and other heroines. Even in Pandora's book it is possible to overdose on a sense of bumpur.

SUPERMODEL Naomi Campbell, is a great believer in astrology and is particularly clued up on her star sign, Gemini, Naomi says that she is "thrilled" with her new psychic, Maria Papetros, because she correctly forecast Naomi's love life.

"Being a Gemini is about being an introvert and an extrovert," she tells the U.S magazine Jone, "There's a side of me that can go out in front of the paparazzi and do the whole circuit, and there's another side that just wants to stay in and eat in front of the television." Eat? That's got to be the smallest and healthiest TV dinner ever.

THE RE-RELEASE of The Beatles' film A Hard Day's Night has been greeted with a certain amount of trepidation in the States. The new version, digitally re-mastered and complete with new footage is due to go out next March, hut the goofy antics of the Fah Four are perhans still an acquired taste to some

Americans. "There are a tremendous number of young people who have never seen the film" savs film

helped to make the re-release of the film a reality. "I show It sumctimes to film students, and maybe six out of a hundred have seen it before. I ask them if it seems dated, and they say. 'No its just British."

producer Walter

Shenson, who

A warning to the bombers of Ulster

NORTHERN IRELAND has shown the world two starkly conflicting images this week. People have witnessed the common-sense of two sides prepared to talk through their differences but they have also seen the mindless violence of bombers with no respect for human life.

The Apprentice Boys of Derry and the Bogside Residents' Associabon demonstrated that compromise is better than conflict. Their agreement shows what can be achieved when people respect the other person's point of view - even when the talking is tough.

This gives us all hope that common sense can prevail and accommodation replace conflict where there are disputes over parades. Contrast that with the wreckers prepared to devastate a town centre, wreckers whose only aim is to replace hope with despair.

I can understand that, after Saturday's car bomh attack, many people in Banbridge are asking if Northern Ireland's troubles will ever end. "Where is the peace?" they ask. I witnessed the scale of the damage in the aftermath of that cowardly attack and I am heartened



MO MOWLAM

The picture in Ulster is, if that's possible, even more complicated

than it was before

by the determination of husiness people and local folk to rebuild the centre of a lovely town.

I don't doubt that there are some people feeling let down - but I also know that is just what the terrorists are striving for Violence from dissident groups opposed to the ceasefires from either side of the community perhaps now poses the greatest threat to Northern Ireland's fledgeling peace.

The picture in Northern Ireland is - if that's possible - even more complicated than it was before. Groups are moving away from violence towards peace and politics. That is clear, and the Good Friday agreement proves it.

At the same time, there are extremists on either side who will do all they can to disrupt and destabilise. They want to convince neonle that nothing has changed and that the violence has not gone away.

Well it is going away, and it will go away if we all continue to show our determination not to let these bombers win. Of course, groups still using violence for political ends won't benefit from what the Good Friday agreement offers. For example, the scheme for early prisoner releases only applies to supporters of groups who are maintaining complete and unequivocal ceasefires. Groups not on ceasefire are not eligible.

At the same the terror groups are becoming increasingly isolated support for continuing violence in Northern Ireland exists only among a handful of extremists And the security forces, north and south of the

horder, are doing an impressive job of preventing them carrying out their acts of terror.

But now they need the help of everyone in the community to bring those responsible to justice. The people of Northern Ireland have voted overwhelmingly for the agreement and a new way forward, both in the referendum and in the Assembly elections that followed.

They don't want this violence they want these bombers caught and stopped. As a government, we want to encourage those who have chosen the path of peace and accepted that politics is the only real way forward. But at the same time, we will be tough on those who haven't abandoned their old ways.

They must realise that overwhelmingly the people of Northern Ireland have chosen an alternative way forward and neither they, nor we, are going to be deflected from that by the threats and intimidation.

Without doubt, the process of transforming Northern Ireland into a stable society like any other will take time determination and patience. The recurrent problems over the parades issue show us how far the process of reconciliation between the two communities still has to go. Nevertheless, it can happen and it is happening.

Representatives of all shades of opinion in Northern Ireland have been elected to the new Assembly. All aspects of the agreement are moving forward together. The legislation to implement the agreement was passed by the House of Commons last week. The momentum of the last four months is being maintained.

I believe the agreement will succeed, most of all because it represents compromise on all sides while, at the same time, preserves the integrity and the dignity of both the traditions in Northern Ireland. That is a great achievement Just a few years ago, most would have said such an agreement was impossible but I have no doubt that the will and determination is there from the Northern Ireland people to make it work.

The accommodation reached in Derry is a clear sign of that will at work. And it is the only way forward; it represents the best chance we have. We can't - we won't - let the hombers destroy it.

The American people may yet repudiate their President

ONCE UPON a time, a senator from Mississippi called Theodore Bilbo was named in a paternity suit. One of his friends, a good old boy from Texas, met him in a Senate corridor and murmured commiseration. "Nothing to worry about," said the old sinner, "you should never un-derestimate the adultery vote!"

A columnist in the Washington Post expressed a similar thought last week when be said that the United States is "more, well, French" about these things than it used to be. Meaning that, at a time when the FBI is checking a young woman's dress for traces of the presidential semen, nobody seems to be that bothered. The New Puritanism, perhaps, has been exaggerated.

That may be so. But the point to focus on is that it is one thing to be tolerant of sexual vagaries, quite another to be happy about what Bill Clinton is doing to the presidency.

His popularity rating still hovers around two-thirds of the sample, remarkably high by any historical standard. The economy is huntming, and - rightly or wrongly - few in Washington think the Asian crisis can harm it seriously.

There is a special reason, too, why Bill Clinton can feel confident about his own prospects of survival. It is that the Republicans, who control both the House of Representatives, which would have to vote a resolution of impeachment, and the Senate, which would sit in judgment on it, are deeply reluctant to push things that far

tt is true that in the last few days the President's situation has deteriorated sharply. After months of delay Kenneth Start, the special prosecutor, has made his move. By offering Monica Lewinsky immunity from prosecution for almost anything she might have done, including immunity from prosecution for per-



GODFREY HODGSON

Tony Blair may have positioned himself too close to a president who may soon be impotent

jury for ber earlier denials of a regrand jury. It is all but universally assumed that she will say that she and the President did the deed. And she has now handed over to the prosecutors "physical evideoce", including tapes of her phone conversations with the President, as well as the famous hlue dress

Most important of all, by serving him with a subpoena. Starr has forced the President himself to give evidence, which he will now have to do. live on videotape from the White House for the benefit of the grand jury nn 17 August. So, in legal terms, Clinton faces a dilemma. He has repeatedly denied, on and off oath, that he had a sexual relationship with "that woman". If he repeats his denial, and the White House is saying that he will it may no longer be just

his word against bers If on the other hand he changes his story, as many advise him to do. and admits that, well, yes, there was just a little affair, than he is admitting he committed perjury. And

there is a good deal of poll evidence, as well as a broad consensus among commentators, that while the Amer-Ican people are willing to forgive a sexual peccadillo, they take a sterner view of perjury.
But the President's situation is

not desperate. He is not likely to be impeached. The Republican chairman of the House judiciary committee, Congressman Henry Hyde, bas proceeded with infinite caution. The Republican leadership is holding its fire. They have both a long-term and a short-term reason. a 1998 reason, and a 2000 one.

When Clinton gives his testimony, it will be little more than two weeks before Labor Day, the date when traditionally campaigning begins for this year's mid-term elections. The Republicans bave hopes lationship with Clinton, Starr has of making solid gains in both House persuaded ber to give evidence to his and Senate. They do not want their campaign caught up in the cyclonic tail of an impeachment burricane. They know bow reluctant the politicians and the country are to go through a replay of Watergate; that was what saved Ronald Reagan from impeachment charges over the Iran contra affair in 1986.

The 2000 calculation is that if Clinton should be impeached, he would be replaced by Al Gore, the Vicepresident, whose private life is a model of rectitude. Whoever their candidate is then, the Republican leadership would infinitely rather campaign against a tarred and feathered Bill Clinton than against a squeaky clean Al Gore.

The President is therefore not likely to be impeached. But the mood in the country could still turn sharply against him. If the country does not believe his testimony on Monday week, his presidency will be utterly discredited. Other embarrassments, such as the essentially far more serious charges of illegal



The dignity of the office will inevitably be diminished

funding for the Clinton campaign from China, will become more credible. Already, he has been able to achieve little in Congress, where be faces a united and Ideologically rigid Republican majority.

It is not that Americans are sexually prudish, but a growing number of them are horrified by what this man has done to the reputation of an office they revere. For the presidency as an institution is inevitably going to be damaged.

Serious questions, too, are raised by the role of the special prosecutor. Leaning over backward to appear fair, presidents are constrained to appoint bitter opponents to investigate them, as Nixon did with Archibald Cox, and Clinton did with Starr Convinced, like the Duchess in Alice In Wonderland, that his quarry is guilty of something, and that it is only a matter of deciding what, Starr has behaved as if his work would not be done until he could produce a report that would say "Off with his head!"

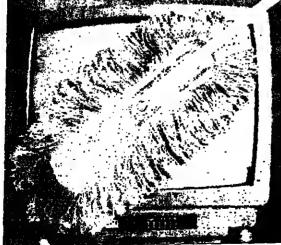
There is an issue here, though. that is larger than Starr or Clinton. The Cold War bred the imperial presidency. Congress took second place. Now that the Cold War is over, and the Republicans have captured control of the Congress, the relative importance of the presidency would be much diminished in any case. What the tragicomedy of the Lewinsky affair means is that power will pass, more than ever, to the conservative ideologues on Capitol Hill.

Many important consequences for the world will flow from that shift. The United States, for example, may be the last superpower. But it is unlikely to be willing to make a full contribution to the IMF or to United Nations peacekeeping as long as Newt Gingrich is Speaker of the House and Trent Lott majority leader in the Senate.

A minor corollary, in the larger perspective of world economic crisis, political instability and nuclear proliferation is that Tony Blair may have positioned himself just a little too close to a president who may soon be hoth impotent in the political sense of course -

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that you recognise these American heroes who. 50 years ago. sought to serve their country and sought to serve freedom. May t say thank you to the German people for how graciously you have received and welcomed American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines these last 50 years. We are very grateful. Thank you.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Berlin airlift, so do we also celebrate 50 years of the enduring friendship between Germany and in the sky. the United States. It is a friendsacrifice, our shared success and our common vision of a friendship which Americans treasure and which we look forward to carrying into the next century.

The friendship between Germany and the US was born in one of this century's defining events. Fifty years ago, as Joseph Stalin's Iron Curtain descended around a free Berlin, the last battleground of a world war turned into the first hattleground of the Cold War, a wake-up call. It made us once again, that freedom is

WE ARE very grateful hlockade, Berlin Mayor Ernst that you recognise these Reuter implored: "Volker der Welt, schaut auf Berlin!" -"People of the world, look at The world did indeed look at

Berlin, And what the world saw was not just a city, but also a symbol: a symbol of resolve. a symbol of defiance, and, ultimately a symbol of freedom. When the world looked at Berlin, it saw Berliners facing overwhelming odds, turning fields into runways and unloading the food and the fuel of freedom from a bridge

When the world looked at ship grounded in our shared Berlin, it saw the Allies committed to a free Germany. When the world looked at democracy and freedom. It is Berlin, it also saw the future, for the airlift truly shaped the Cold War period.

Every day of the airlift our pilots were thundering across the German sky into a battle not of bullets, but of ideas - of liberty, of freedom and of democracy. And they turned one of freedom's darkest days of avoiding tyranny and into one of its brightest triumphs.

For America, the airlift was In the early days of the realise that unlike the past, we never free.



Let us not forget the lesson of Berlin

PODIUM

JOHN HAMRE From a speech by the US Deputy Defence Secretary marking the 50th anniversary

of the Berlin airlift

could not withdraw safely behind our shores, secure behind an Atlantic barrier.

After two world wars, the airlift confirmed that American and European security were of Berlin, the spirit of liberty, is inextricably bound together The airlift proved that the cost destruction tomorrow was vigilance and commitment today. And the airlift confirmed.

history will remember the story of Berlin, a story about how the spirit of liberty can tear down the mightiest walls of

Today, that spirit reminds us that America must remain engaged in the world and in Europe. That spirit lives on, inspiring and nurturing the trans-Atlantic alliance and energising our efforts to belp Europeans shape their own future.

It is alive as we build new bridges and extend the hand of Nato friendship and membership to Hungary, to Poland and to the Czech Republic.

It is alive in the Partnership for Peace, and in our efforts to build a foundation of co-operation with countries in transition, like Russia and Ukraine.

And it is alive as we cool the cauldrons of hate in places like Bosnia. Indeed, the spirit helping us reach across old divides to help European friends build a new Europe for a symbol of that commitment. a new century.

Just last month, I was privlieged to participate in the opening of the Allied Museum in Berlin. The Allied Museum always defend.

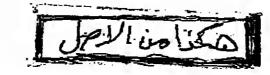
Let there be no doubt: is now the home of one of the most poignant symbols of the Cold War - the guardhouse called Checkpoint Charlie. Checkpoint Charlie is one of those symbols that resocates in the hearts of Americans and of all our allies. It was a passageway to freedom and a fragile, yet defiant, outpost against tyranny.

Checkpoint Charlie now sits in that museum in Berlin; its job as a guardhouse is done. Now let us commit to build a Europe in which we have no need of new Checkpoint Charlies.

Let us commit to build a Europe where there is no need for concrete walls and for barbed wire to keep people in and to keep ideas out. Let us commit to build a Europe that is itself a gateway to openness and freedom for all mankind. Let us Americans recommit ourselves to be active partners in Europe.

Let us take the bravery of those who flew in the airlift as And let us always remember Berlin as the ultimate symbol of that freedom

we cherish and must





My plan to save Kosovo now



PADDY ASHDOWN

Milosevic continues to play grandmother's footsteps every time the West's back is turned

THE RENEWED bloodletting in Kosovo, and the West's lack of coherent or effective reaction to it, are both depressingly predictable.

More than four months have

passed since our early warnings, and still the international community agonises, the crisis deepens and the cost of a solution escalates. Since April the Foreign Office has been considering the options, as I am repeatedly told at Prime Minister's Questions. This government, unlike previous governments, has been energetic in trying to stiffen the resolve of our European part-ners and of the US, but to little avail - perhaps we would see more progress if the White House were not paralysed with a domestic row. Meanwhile, the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosovic, has continued with his game of "international grandmother's footsteps", edging Kosovo nearer to all-out war and humanitarian catastrophe every time the West's back is turned.

The options do not take four months to consider, if only because they are so narrow. This is not Bosnia, and it is as important to be aware of the differences as it is to spot the similarities. In Bosnia the West was able to put in ground forces to control the conflict, then to step back and provide the forum of the Dayton peace talks to help the participants come to a settlement, In Kosovo we have neither of these options. There is no realistic expectation that ground forces can be deployed, other than to police an agreed settlement, and no time to wait for a Dayton-style accord to emerge from the warring parties.

We have been reacting to each iresh diece of news on an da no basis, in a policy vacuum. Instead we should be, and should have been, pursuing clear and focused diplomatic actions, backed by the ultimate sanction of air power if necessary, to persuade both sides - the Serbs and the guerrilla KLA - that we will not allow this dispute to be settled by a military victory.

There can only be a political solution to what is essentially a longstanding political problem: the ethnic-Albanian majority within the province of Kosovo sees rule from Serbian Belgrade as illegitimate. As time trickles by, planning to achieve



Staring into a future without hope, the ethnic Albanians flee the latest Serb assault in Kosovo

a political solution becomes more difficult and the outcomes carry more risks. But we must still try.

There are two ways to detonate a wider Balkan crisis out of Kosovo. First, if we fail to stop a Milosevic victory fuelling the fires of pan-Serb nationalism; second, if we act in such a way as to allow the KLA to inflame and unleash pan-Albanian nationalism within the neighbouring states of Albania and Macedonia.

pressing all the time. Paradoxically, the military successes of the Serb army against the KLA in recent days seem to have led not only to a renewal of Serb human rights viogression towards the civilian population. They have also led to greater ethnic-Albanian insurgences in Macedonia, with intensely worrying reports of bombs and civil disturbance in the Albaniandominated towns of the north. There are elements within the political clites of Albania and Macedonia who are willing to actively exploit this trend - to the immense distress of the two governments. And the Albanian mafia, who have almost total control of the "badlands" that I visited in June, which border Kos-

ovo, are clearly implicated in

arming and supporting the KLA. The optimism of a few weeks ago, when the moderate Kosovan politician Ibrahim Rugova appeared to have brought the KLA into a broad-

based negotiating team for the peace talks, appears to be vanishing in the rubble of the new Serb offensives. Each new tale of Serbian army atrocities radicalises the ethnic Albanians even forther. So what should the West, and in These dangers become more perticular Britain, be doing? First, this is a problem that af-

fects the entire Balkan region and requires regional solutions, so Greece and Turkey must be prepared to act as a guarantors of any Secondly, we should act quickly

to stabilise and strengthen the two neighbouring states of Macedonia and Albania. At times of fluidity and crisis, it is important to reinforce the fixed points. We should make it clear that we will not tolerate any threats to the integrity of the Macedonian border or state, and that the international community will take some responsibility for any Kosovar Albanian refugees who may flood across that border.

We should support the Albanian government in its attempts to re-establish control of the lawless northern border "badlands". By giving better support to the Albanian government, possibly through decent police equipment and help for their security forces, we may encourage the KLA to accept its influence. If the threat of Nato aircraft are our means to control Milosevic, then the control of northern Albania (and the arms that flow through it) per-

forms the same function in con-

Thirdly, we should decide on a clear public aim: to bring both sides to a peaceful agreement on the basis of a "blueprint". This should initially involve Kosovan autonomy within the former Yugoslavia, with guarnority. Milosovic, who originally opposed this, is likely now to be more accommodating, and the Kosovar nationalists whom I met during my visit in June were open

trolling the KLA.

the international community. Independence may turn out to be the only viable long-term solution. But independence in the short term would immediately destabilise Macedonia and the delicate balance

to persuasion on less than full in-

dependence - provided that the

terms and context for autonomy,

with parallel status to Montenegro,

would be guaranteed and policed by

of states and semi-states that still make up the post-Dayton Bosnia. Every week that passes reto provide some show of force.

probably through air strikes, to

demonstrate our resolve. Milosevic

is perpetrating abuses against his

own civilian population which, ac-

cording to the rhetoric of our own

and other Western governments,

should have resulted in Nato inter-

vention already. And yet we neither

do or say anything further, and the

Reports are emerging of refugees

holed up in the forests above the Al-

banian border, unable to go back to

their wrecked villages and too

scared to come down into Albania.

During my visit in June, I was told

about these thousands of displaced

human rights observers about their

safety. It was a humanitarian cata-

strophe waiting to happen, but the

warnings fell on deaf ears. Winter is

only a few months away, and the aid

agencies are trying to avert disas-

ter while being granted only "on and

It has become a lugubrious trad-

ition for foreign policy crises to sur-

face during the parliamentary

recess. But time is running out for

Kosovo, and we cannot allow the

conflict to fester over the summer

until it crupts as an even more dan-

off" access by Milosevic.

gerous regional unheaval.

human costs are rising.

doubles the danger of a full-blown regional crisis. This will be triggered either by a further ethnic Albanian unrising within Macedonia, or by another flood of refugees into Albania. The international community appears to be, quite cynically, standing back and allowing Milosevic's tanks to achieve one of our policy aims, namely the humbling of the KLA and their pan-Albanian ambitions. Instead we should be taking advantage of the momentary military stalemate to issue an ultimatum to Milosevic, and making the

It may be that we cannot achieve UN security council unanimity, but we should act fast to curb Milosevic nouetheless. With a clear plan such as that I have outlined, the international community is better able to judge how force may have to be used. The legal niceties of intervention are a matter for consideration, but it is arguable that the UN Charter under articles 1 and 52. provides the basis for action to preserve regional peace even without a security council resolution.

And time is not on our side. In the short term we may have

RIGHT OF REPLY

WILSON MUTEBI



The Bishop of Mityana, Uganda, explains why he thinks homosexuality is a sin

I AM convinced that any homosexual practice is wrong and sinful. The Bible tells me so. As a Christian and a leader in the Church, I say that whoever has been caught in it has to repent. For me, there are no

grey areas. The book of Genesis says that human beings were created in the image of God. Both man and woman have the obligation to depict the image of God at its best. Like people who commit the sins of adultery, stealing and prostitution, people who are falling into this sin of homosexuality are damaging the image of God.

All same-sex unions that have been blessed and all ordinations of practising homosexuals are invalid. We who are standing firm in the faith will not work with them. That one is not going to happen.

The reason we would not hear the presentation which the lesbians and gays organised is the same reason we would not let a prostitute give her ideas to the conference. We cannot permit just anyone to have a forum here. If they want, they can go to the market-place or whatever and talk about their business, but not in a Christian forum because the acts they are doing are not Christian. They have excluded themselves.

We rebuke the sin, but love the sinner. What I have to emphasise is that the Church has an obligation to these obligation to people who are prostitutes. We have an obligation to counsel them and bring them to their senses. We are ready to help them. I am sorry they have the orientation, but it was not given to them by God, but by Satan.

There are people who once behaved in this way. Now they come and tell us they have lived in Jesus Christ, This. proves that those who are having sex with the same sex can repent and be healed.

Priest in a parish of rich women

KAHLIL GIBRAN is one of the 20th century's odder literary phenomenons. Born in northern Lebanon in 1883, he emigrated to America with his mother, haif-brother and two sisters when he was 12. The family lived in poverty in south Boston. Kahii, the privileged son, went to school in a settlement house there, where an art teacher recognised his talent and brought it to the attention of Fred Holland Day, a wealthy young dabbler in art and photography. And so began Kahlil's ascent to fame and fortune as a painter, poet and fabulist.

His pictures are wispy sub-Blakean evocations of sexless figures hovering amid clouds of glory. But it was as a writer that he was to achieve renown. In Arabic (both these books assure us) his voice was vigorous and innovative. In English, however, very much his second language, it much resembled his paintings - mystical, uplifting fulsomely vague. "Limp, mucid hooey" as one critic described it; "Also Sprach Zarathustro written in mauve icing on a cake of halvah". he was about. We are dealing here with a cult.



WEDNESDAY POEM

GOD'S WORK BY ANNE CARSON

Moonlight in the kitchen is a sign of God.

The kind of sadness that is a black suction pipe extracting you

from your own navel and which the Buddhists call

'no mindcover' is a sign of God.

The blind alleys that run alongside human conversation

like lashes are a sign of God.

God's own calmness is a sign of God.

The surprisingly cold smell of potatoes or money.

Solid pieces of silence.

From these diverse signs you can see

WEDNESDAY BOOKS PROPHET: THE LIFE AND TIMES

OF KAHLIL GIBRAN BY ROBIN WATERFIELD. ALLEN LANE/PENGUIN PRESS. £20

KAHLIL GIBRAN, MAN AND POET BY SUHEIL BUSHRUI AND JOE JENKINS, ONEWORLD PUBLICATIONS, £19.99

Many would agree. But Gibran has undoubtedly had the last laugh. All but one of his books have remained continuously in print since publication, and the most famous, The Prophet, has sold over nine million copies and continues to sell steadily almost 70 years after his death. Clearly, it is pointless to discuss Gibran in literary terms; since literature was not what



enment of enthusiasts. Or he may choose to take a step back and examine the phenomenon. Broadly, speaking, Bushrui and Jenkins take the first approach, Waterfield the second. From the point of view of the uncommitted reader, there can be no doubt which makes a better book. Phenomena are interesting regardless of whether you believe in them. Not that Waterfield disbelieves in Gibran, in whose work he finds much to admire. Gleeful iconoclasm is not

In such a case one of two approaches is open

to the biographer. He may be frankly admiring

and respectful, retailing the life for the enlight-

he has no option but, gently and almost apologetically, to reveal the inevitable feet of clay. I say inevitable partly because the guru's stock-in-trade is perfection, the one unachievable thing, and partly as Gibran is representative of a class of adventurer-guru. One thinks of Madame Blavatsky, George Gurdjieff, L Ron Hubbard, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. The unquenchable popularity of their preachings remains miraculously unaffected by their, almost

endearingly barefaced, charlatanism. The young Kahlil's attractions were, from the start, as much social as artistic. Aged 15, he was, as Fred Holland Day's photographs show, a very beautiful boy. Day was homosexual; but it was not long before women, too - much older women, not always wealthy, but invariably wellconnected - were beginning to fall for him. And so one thing led to another. As Gibran pointed out, if, at a dinner-party for 20, one could dominate the conversation, then that led to 20 more invitations. In the same way Boston led to New cial and literary lion.



An early (1911) example of Gibran's art

Only his Arab friends, however, knew the real Gibran, the poor boy who had left Lebanon to escape a brutal and drunken father. For his new his style. But faced with incontrovertible evidence American friends he concocted a more romanof Gibran's mendacity, weakness and egotism, tic tale, of a wealthy childhood more suitable to the figure he wanted to cut in their company. His secret of success lay not in sincerity but in telling people what they wanted to hear. He wrapped himself in phrases, hiding behind a veil of uplifting myth.

And - for the ladies to whom he wrote simultaneous and identical love-letters, as for his devoted readers - it worked. Unattainability was all. For the charismatic as for the magician, mystery is an essential part of the act. Tear away

the veil, and what remains? A mere mortal. But to sustain the act, you need a thicker skin than Gibran possessed. He alone knew the secret of his own duclicitousness - that, at the centre, there was nothing at all. In despair he turned to drink, and died of cirrhosis in 1931, at only 48. His influence, Waterfield suggests, lives on through the old hippies who imbibed him in their New Age youth and continue to live lives affected by his teachings. Meanwhile his heirs - the villagers of Bsharri in Lebanon, where he was born live happily ever after on the spoils.

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Alfred Schnittke

be characteristic of Alfred Schnitman himself he was a Russian composer, horn in a once-German part of the Soviet Union, to parents of Latvian origin - his father Jewish and his mother German, who grew up a Catholic in a German

community in an atheist state. Schnittke's natural openness to this kaleidoscope of influences was characteristic of his generous intellectual curiosity: he likewise accepted all the rest of music as material to feed his own creative urge. He was also two ways a hero. although, in keeping with his personal modesty, an unemphatic one: at the beginning of his career he assiduously took on the Soviet cultural dictatorship on behalf of new music, and at the end of his life he ahowed extraordinary physical courage in continuing to compose despite a series of vicious strokes.

Schnittke's musical ambitions manifested themselves early but the family's limited means, and their geographical isolation in the Volga during the Second World War (Stalin deported the Volga Germans en masse: Schnittke's father's Jewishness allowed his family to escape the net), meant that systematic instruction was not available. The child none the less made crude attempts at composition, demonstrating a creative will that was to ignore formidable obstacles throughout his career.

In 1945 Schnittke's father, now a journalist in the Soviet army, was posted to Vienna with the occupying forces, and the nine-year-old Alfred could at last study music theory and piano, also soaking himself in concerts and broadcast music (Stalin had banned the private possession of radios during the Second World War). The Viennese tradition he encountered at this formative age provided a vital underlay to his later stylistic explorations.

The Schnittke family returned to the Soviet Union in 1946, settling in the Moscow area, and Alfred began to teach himself harmony. At the age of 15 he was accepted as a student a covert ban that was to last 20 years. in the army music college, and began private theory lessons with Iosif Ryzhkin, who taught him to compose in a wide variety of styles to improve the fluency of his technique. In 1953, just as Stalin's death gave way to Khrushchev's brief "thaw", Schnittke became a student at the Moscow Conservatory, where the students courted the disapproval of their orthodox teachers by listening privately to the "hour-Stravinsky, Hindemith, Bartók and Schoenberg, who were only now beginning to be heard in Russia.

Schnittke at this time, as on virtu- sical composers sit alongside the ally every young composer of note most dramatic devices of modernism, in the Soviet Union, was Dmitry in stark contrasts that produce music Shostakovich, whose First Violin of considerable tension and power

THE "POLYSTYLISM" that came to Concerto, premiered in 1955, had a very direct impact. Schnittke's the's music was a reflection of the friend Alexander Ivashkin - whose excellent hiographical study Alfred Schnittke (1996) is the only publication on the composer in English - points to the similarities between the concertos of the two composers: there is "the same feeling of drama. the same sharp, even exaggerated, contrasts between the movements. and the same freedom and space for the cadenza, a monologue of the soloist hero'". Ivashkin neatly characterises the difference in their styles: "Shostakovich, under the burden of Stalin's dictatorship, was much more cautious, preferring to speak indirectly and symbolically. Schnittke's generation grew up in a different situation and wanted to speak more openly and directly".

Schnittke's graduation piece, an oratorio called Nagasaki (1958) brought him his first brush with authority: his depiction of the explosion

His First Symphony was an unabashed ragbag of musics. discordantly, exultantly sewn together, like Charles Ives on speed

of the atomic bomb, using atomality, tonal clusters and howling trombones. was hardly calculated to appease the apparatchiks of the Composers' Union. Schnittke was unable to make the compromises in his musical language to suit the political lines of the commission he was offered, and so in the early 1960s he was hlacklisted,

That meant that travel abroad, even to other Communist countries, would be a rare privilege, despite his growing fame as one of the Soviet Union's most individual voices and leading modernists. From the mid-1960s to the mid-1980s Schnittke was invited to around 20 premieres of his works abroad; permission to attend them was never granted. In a search for a musical language

that would synthesise past and present Schnittke was already beginning to unite a variety of elements in his music, in the beginnings of his "polystylism", where reminiscences Another massive influence on of Renaissance, Baroque and Clas-



Studies with the Moldova-born Webern pupil Philip Hershkovich, who pointed to the origins of much modern music in the classics of the past, now gave Schnittke's search intellectual cohesion, and the music began to flow fast from his pen.

In 1962 Schnittke wrote the first of his film scores, a genre that was to afford him a relatively good living over the next two decades, accounting for no fewer than 66 of his 200 or so works. It also allowed him more room for experiment than works destined for the Communist-controlled concert halls: he could choose his techniques according to the film in question, commenting on the action rather than merely illustrating it. These scores provided a rich vein of material for later concert works.

One of those pieces was the First Symphony, first performed in 1974, an unabashed ragbag of musics, diswith some pointedly rough needleon speed. The effect on Russian mupressive order, which predictably re-

acted by putting an effective ban on its performance.

Schnittke's music meantime was moving on, refining his magnie eclecticism in favour of a new depth of emotion; the occasion for this search for expressive power was the death of his mother, from a stroke, in 1972; the sense of mortality it brought Schnittke was supported by a growing sense of religious awareness.

The advent to power of Mikhail Gorbachev in 1985 loosened the grip of Tikhon Khrennikov, the Stal-inist head of the Composers' Union, on musical life in the Soviet Union. Schnittke was poised to reap the rewards of his intellectual and moral consistency. And that was when he had his first stroke, with a brain haemorrhage so severe that three times he was pronounced clinically dead.

His reaction was to tighten his grip on life: he began composing his cordantly, exultantly sewn together First Cello Concerto within three months. Stage works, orchestral work, like some crazed Charles Ives music, choral pieces, chamber music followed, one score after another with sical life was electric: it heralded the an almost frantic urgency. A second beginning of the end for the old, re- stroke hit him in 1991, after which Schnittke completed his opera Life

with an Idiot. Two years later another opera, Gesualdo, was finished, as were the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Symphonies.

Schnittke's doctor had advised him to take complete rest; when Schnittke found that the result was yet another stroke, he threw caution to the winds and, though he could hare-ly speak and could write only with his left hand (he was right-handed), he managed to compose his Ninth Symphony, which was premiered in oscow in June this year

No composer as productive as Schnittke can expect to write a consistent string of masterpieces. But the best of Schnittke is, quite simply, great music: his Second Cello Concerto, for example, is one of the finest additions to the cello repertoire this century; and Ivashkin chronicles how the audience at his 1974). Other young Russian ballet Peer Gynt left the hall in tears.

Much of his work is touched with a sense of imminent loss, of some disaster about to break on the listener, in music of searing pain - which, indeed, is exactly how Schnittke lived much of the latter part of his life.

Music. From 1972 onwards, he began to make his living as a com-Martin Anderson

most prolific and innovative com-

posers and, in the last few years.

became one of an élite of composers

this century to achieve broad

avant-garde was only awoken, how-

ever, by a visit to Russia from the Ital-

ian composer - and son-in-law of

Schoenberg - Luigi Nono in the

early Sixties. From then until the late

Sixties Schnittke employed serial

techniques himself. This brought

him hostility from the Soviet au-

thorities, whose criteria for good music were still basically political.

Performances of works such as

the First Symphony (1969-72) were

delayed and often held in obscure

parts of the Union (the Symphony

premiered in Gorky on 9 February

composers, on the other hand,

at the Conservatoire and at the Ex-

perimental Studio for Electronic

The authorities still let him teach

increasingly admired his daring.

His interest in the European

popularity, writes David Revill.

Cleopatra, for films of The Seegull, Uncle Vanya and Eugene Onegin. Starting with his second Violin

work as writing music for stage pro ductions of Shaw's Cuesor and

Concerto (1966), he returned to expressive music in a more broadly dramatie way. He litted his interest in serialism into this, producing, for example, 12-note rows with unplied tonal centres, so that he could build a contrast between tonal and stonal styles into a single piece. He tried this approach in pieces such as Quasi una Sonato (1968) As early as the First Symphony,

Schnittke had begun to combine ear-lier musical styles in pastiche quotes from Beethoven symphonies, imitation Baroque music, stylised modern dances, and so on. This polystylism is one of his work's most controversial features. Most offended are those who feel they own the music he has cited. When his arrangement of Stille Nuclit was played near its composer's hirth place, Schnittke recalled, "It made some people upset that I made some changes in his music, which gave it a much more mournful sense."

Schnittke received little critical attention in the West before the end of the 1980s. After that, more and more attention was devoted to his music. though some critics derided him for crude structures, unsophisticated themes, and over-sentimentality. What was more significant was that at the same point there was an explosion of interest from a broader public - part of the biggest upsurge this century of enthusiasm for "serious" music, which also brought to prominence composers such as Henryk Gorecki and John Tavener.

Popular interest brought wider opportunities for performances and recordings. Schnittke pieces were championed by, among others, the cellist Yo Yo Ma, the violinist Gidon Kremer, and new music stars, the Kronos Quartet. He was also the subject of a film by Donald Sturrock, The Unreal World of Alfred Schnittke.

Why the big explosion of public interest came when it did is a fascinating question. Partly it was because many people were ready for serious music they could actually understand. For decades composers had been pursuing their own musical agendas and scarcely thinking of an audience. A composer who could write dramatic, moving, humorous music, with references to recognisable syles, and who dared to call pieces by the kinds of title people could recognise, would have an enthusiastic welcome. Schnittke

Alfred Schnittke, composer: born Engels, Soviet Republic of Volga Germans 24 November 1934; married 1956 Galina Koltsina (marriage dissolved 1958). 1961 Irina Katayeva (one son); died poser, thanks to such energetic Hamburg, Germany 3 August 1998.

Shari Lewis

LAMB CHOP, made of a white knitted sock and notable for its squeaky voice, sleepy eyes and long lashes, as well as a slightly contrary nature, was one of a handful of glove puppets known and loved by millions of children who grew up in the gold-en age of television, before cartoons and pop music-hased magazine programmes dominated the teatime and Saturday-morning schedules.

Sooty had already caught the young audience's imagination in Fifties Britain and Pussy Cat Willum was a favourite in ITV's Small Time by the time Shari Lewis brought Lamb Chop across the Atlantic from America in the late Sixties.

The entertainer, whose television shows won 12 Emmy awards, was a lifelong campaigner for programmes that educated children. She once told the American Congress: "I think television is a fabulous tool both for education and entertainment. However, in the field

of children's programming, we have allowed it to be used very badly." Born in New York in 1933, Lewis

learned ventriloquism and magic from her father, who was a college professor and magician, and was taught the plano by her mother. Destined to perform, she made her television début at the tender age of seven in a local programme screened in New York. She went on to study at the High School of Music and Arts in New York and the School of American Ballet, as well as training in acting at the city's Neighborhood Playhouse.

In 1952, when she pulled a rabbit from a hat in Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts, she became the winner of the show, which had also "dis-covered" the McGuire Sisters and Patsy Cline, After subsequent smallscreen appearances in Facts 'n' Fun (1953), Kartoon Club (1954). Shari and Her Friends (1955) and Shariland (1956), Lewis unleashed

Lamb Chop on the world in Captain Kangaroo (1956), a programme mixing stories, songs, sketches, lessons, puppets and cartoons. A forerunner to Sesame Street, the show was a landmark in children's television. with its non-condescending attitude towards its viewers.

Lewis went on to star on television in Hi, Mom (1957), present the Saturday-morning programme The Shari Lewis Show (1960-62), act in Watching Out for Dulle (1961) in The U.S. Steel Hour series and an episode of Car 54, Where Are You? (1963). She also wrote dozens of books, including The Shari Lewis Puppet Book (1958), Fun with Kids (1960). Folding Paper Puppets (1962)

and Dear Shari (1963). Then Lewis travelled to Britain to launch Shari at Six (1968-76) on BBC Television and Lamb Chop became a favourite all over again, alongside other puppets auch as Charlie Horse and Hush Puppy.

She appeared in three Royal Command Performances (1970, 1973, 1978) and followed the BBC programme with another American series. The Shari Show (1976-77), but the days of such variety-style shows were numbered and Lewis concentrated on writing books such as How Kids Can Really Make Money (1979), Things Kids Collect (1981), One-Minute Bedtime Stories (1982) and Lamb Chop's Play Along

Storybook (1983). During her career she also showed her many talents by conducting more than 50 symphony orchestras, including the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, Washington, the Pittshurgh Symphony and the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Canada. She made records such as Shari in Storyland and Give Your Child o Headstart and, as well as a string of Emmy awards, won the Monte Carlo International Television Award

(1961) and a Kennedy Center Award for Excellence in the Arts for Young People (1983).

In the Nineties she made a return to television, playing herself in an enisode of the internationally screened American series The Nanny entitled "Lamb Choo's on the Menu" (1995) and subsequently began her own new series The Charlie Horse Music Pizza (1998), but the show had to finish shortly after Shari Lewis was diagnosed with uterine cancer in June. Her second husband, the publisher Jeremy Tarcher, is the brother of the author Judith Krantz.

Anthony Hayward

Shari Hurwitz (Shari Lewis), ventriloquist, puppeteer, actress and conductor; born New York 17 January 1933; married first Stan Lewis (marriage dissolved), second 1958 Jeremy Turcher (one daughter); died Los Angeles 2 August 1998.



Non-condescending: Lewis with Lamb Chop

BIRTIES

Kit Russell



COMMUNITY WORK, the stitching together of social action, local leadership and human potential, is enjoying a rebirth. One of its earliest, most successful and most enduring proponents was Kit Russell.

She began her community development career in the Twenties in Bermondsey, living in a Victorian settlement, doing youth work, organising children's clubs and helping families overwhelmed by poverty, illhealth, slum housing and overcrowding. Settlements brought together dedicated outside helpers and local community activists in troubled city neighbourhoods, Living and working in these neglected areas taught them that crude individual poverty could he relieved by joint action and self-help-oriented so-

dynamic approach to urban decay and community breakdown taught Russell at an early age that the most marginal communities contain the seeds of growth as well as destruction.

Under the endless pressures of need and an urge to change conditions more radically, she found training to be a vital bridge to increased capacity and stamina. Local residents in Bermondsey needed it just as much as community workers like herself who wanted to help. Her work in the new slum clearance estates of Deptford reinforced this need for practical training and capacity building, now dubbed lifetime

Understanding the causes of so-

cial programmes. This disputed but the solutions. Kit Russell's long and band was instrumental 10 years possibly unique love affair with the London Schoot of Economics began when she realised that the tools of accumulated wisdom of older praclitioners turned teachers. They were committed to helping young activists like Russell link their coalface dedication to the wider task of

huilding a safety net for all. Eileen Younghusband, her remarkable teacher, mentor and predecessor at the LSE, was a founding thinker behind modern generic. community-based social work. She supported the settlement work, the youth focus and the outreach into estates which Kit Stewart (as she was born) continued while a student at cial problems is vital to uncovering LSE in the late Thirties. Younghus-

later in persuading the school to appoint Stewart in 1949 as field work tutor for the new diploma in social her trade could be sharpened by the administration, a post she held for the next 25 years.

Unlike the communities to which Stewart dedicated her youth, the LSE had many flag-flyers. But it needed a practical eye, an ear to the ground, a steadying grip to keep its heady academics tuned in to the ambitions of the students it was created to help. The life-shaping task of policy formation in the field of social well-being had to be based on a combined understanding of social, economic, political and practical problems, Stewart joined Richard Titmuss's department of social policy, with Peter Townsend, David

Donnison, Brian Abel-Smith, not to write hooks with them, but to arrange fieldwork placements for their students. Two thousand five hundred in all passed through her

experienced and sensitive hands. The crowded centre-city campus created by Sidney and Beatrice Webb 100 years ago blossomed through that unique linkage of research, policy and practice. Hundreds of community projects, voluntary organisations, public services, political careers were shaped by the inspired teaching combined with exciting action at the front line. Kit Russell (she married in

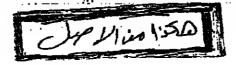
1957) welded these together. In her retirement she helped the relaunch of the Time and Talents charity, in Rotherhithe, east London,

and the birth of the National Tenants' Resource Centre in Chester.

On the day of Kit Russell's funeral, the New Deal for Communities and Sure Start for children were launched as part of the Government's declared drive towards urban renaissance. Will the lessons in "creative neighbourhood care" be remembered in the flurry that surrounds the extra cash? The ideas come from a long tradition, as Russell's long and inspirational life itself

Anne Power

Katherine Stewart, social worker nnd teacher: born London 6 April 1909; OBE 1976; married 1957 Sheridan Russell (died 1991): died London 9 July 1998.



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Matteo Manuguerra

ALTHOUGH HE made his operatic début in France, and later became a French citizen, the baritone Matteo Manuguerra was best known for his performances of 19th-century Italian opera, especially of Verdi.

During a career that lasted, despite a late start, for over 30 years, he sang, either on stage or disc, in 17 different Verdi operas. He appeared all over Europe, including London, and in North and South America. His voice may have lacked the volume and the cutting edge of some Verdi baritones, but, as a French critic wrote of his performance of Giorgio Germont in La traviata at Marseilles, "his phrasmg is impeccable, his timbre warm, his tone even and expressive".

His repertory also contained roles such as Barnaba in La Gioconda, Gérard in Andrea Chénier, Tonio in Pagliacci, and Scarpia in Tosca, but it was Verdi to whom he returned again and again.

Born in Tunis of Sicilian parents in 1924, Matteo Manuguerra moved with his family to Argentina in his youth, and it was only at the age of 35 that he began to study singing at the Buenos Aires Conservatory. Having made his concert début as a tenor in the Mozart Requiem, he then became a high baritone.

In 1962 he came to Europe to take up a three-year contract at Lyon, making his first appearance as Valentin in Faust. In 1968 he moved to the Paris Opéra, where he sang roles such as Escamillo in Carmen, Henry Ashton in Lucia di Lammermoor as well as Giorgio Germont and Rigoletto.

He made his US début in 1968 at Seattle, singing Gérard (with Franco Corelli as Chenier); he returned in 1971 as Renato in Un ballo in maschera, and the same year made his first appearance at the Metropolitan Opera, New York, as Henry

Manuguerra sang frequently at the Met throughout the 1970s and well into the 1980s. His roles there included Alfio in Cavalleria rusticana, Barnaba in La Gioconda, Scarpia, Amonasro in Aida, Don Carlo in La forza del destino, and Rigoletto. Meanwhile he also began to sing widely in Europe and America.

For the New York Opera Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, he sang Nelusko in Meyerbeer's L'Africaine, and the title role of Donizetti's Il duca d'Alba. At the Vienna State Opera he sang Scarpia and also Henry Ashton. The latter character, a hrother who forces his sister to marry a man she does not love for purely financial reasons, was the kind of part he did particularly well: his villains were never entirely hlack, hut various shades of grey.

All the while his tally of Verdi roles lengthened: Count di Luna in Il tropatore and Posa in Don Carlos in Buenos Aires: Don Carlo in Ernani al Geneva; Monforte in I vespri Siciliani, Miller in Luisa Miller, Macbeth and Nabucco in Bilbao; Francesco in I masnadieri at La Scala; Simon Boccanegra in Turin; Ezio in Attila in Rome; and, in countless opera houses on both sides of the Atlantic, Rigoletto.

Manuguerra sang Rigoletto at Covent Garden in October 1991. He was then 67 years old, but his voice was virtually intact, while the top notes rang out loud and clear. He had become a much better stage actor than earlier in his career, but his emotions, of love and hate, were still conveyed through the voice. He had sung Anckerstroem (as Renato becomes in the version of Ballo set in Sweden) at Covent Garden 10 years previously. This was another of his best roles, with the character's warring emotions of loyalty to his king and love for his wife plain to hear in the voice.

Manuguerra made a great many recordings and they are both dramatic and lifelike. His records of Scarpia, Nabucco, Rolando in Verdi's La battaglia di Legnano and Francesco in I masnadieri are all good, but the two best, I think, are his Gianciotto in Zandonai's Francesca da Rimini, a creature twisted both in body and soul; and Giorgio Germont (with Joan Sutherland as Violetta) in La traviata, where, in the words of one critic, "his phrasing is impeccable, his timbre warm . . ."

Elizabeth Forbes

Matteo Manuguerra, opera singer, born Tunis 5 October 1924; died Montpelier, France 30 July 1998.



Manuguerra in the title role of Rigoletto, San Francisco, 1981

PSYCHOLOGICAL NOTES

Freudian forgetting, slips and bungles

OF ALL Sigmund Freud's contributions to popular speech and amateur psychology, the "Freudian slip" is probably the most enduring. His life's work, now widely challenged, was to present the mind as an arena where the "conscious" and "unconscious" were perpetually at war. The "slip", whether of word or deed, showed the principle in action.

According to the theory, a similar conflict could be found in dreams. But dreams were so complex and significant based as they were on experiences of early life, that they needed expert advice to unravel. This is why generations of Freudian analysts whose business it has been to do the unravelling have prospered

Freudian slips by comparison are plain man's stuff, allowing everyone to he their own psychologist. When Radio 4's Today referred recently to the BBC'S "new spanking building" instead of "spanking new huilding", listeners responded to the

unconscious innuendo with gleeful letters. The central text is The Psychopathology of Everyday Life, subtitled "Forgetting, Slips of the Tongue, Bungled Actions, Superstitions and Errors", first published in book form in 1904 and then enlarged, edition by edition, over the next 20 years. The forgetting of names fills pages, the general idea being that the forbidden word has distressing or annoying associations that are best covered up. Freud, who had a sense of humour, even suggested that aristocrats have difficulty remembering the names of doctors they consult because inwardly they despise them. On the action front, people may be punishing themselves. Thus men who look back lustfully at women in the street often sprain an ankle or walk into a lamppost. One has to assume this happened more often in Freud's time than it does in ours.

Sex was often lurking. Freud quotes a colleague, a womaniser called Stekel, who entered a house, put out a hand to greet his hostess and "contrived in doing so to undo the bow that held her loose morninggown together. I was conscious of no dishonourable intention; yet I carried out this clumsy movement with the dexterity of a conjurer."

A wife who complained that her husband made too many sexual demands - as wives seemed to, in those days - found him using



her face-powder on his chin after ahaving, and said, "There you go again, powdering me with your puff." By reversing what she meant to say, "powdering yourself with my puff", she produced an unconscious sexual rebuke, "powdering" being Viennese slang for copulating, while "puff" was doubtless a phallic symbol.

As early as 1914, when the book first appeared in an English translation, a popular magazine in London was telling readers about this "curious and fascinating new system of self-examination", which is about the level of significance that most of us still grant it. The deeper message - that if a "Freudian slip" suggests anything, it is that we are never as fully in control of ourselves as we like to think - is overlooked.

Freud's obsessive, ambitious nature made him take all his beliefs to extreme lengths, which is not to deny the grains of truth scattered thickly through his books.

I like to think I found an unacknowledged example by Freud, about Freud, where, in another work, he described getting lost in a town and finding himself three times in the same street of hrothels. Internal evidence suggests that he was remembering an episode in Trieste when he was a young man. However, he ignored the obvious conclusion, that the reason he kept returning was his hidden desire to visit a prostitute.

Watching for others' Freudian slips is an amusing game, but be careful they aren't watching for yours.

Paul Ferris is the author of 'Dr Freud: a life' (Pimlico, £15)

Roy Rogers

Roy Rogers than "Four Legged Friend", his popular tribute to Trigger, writes Paul Wadey [further to the ohituary by David Shipman, 7 July].

Along with Gene Antry, Tex Ritter and a handful of others he helped to put the "western" into "country and western": his status as a wholesome, clean-cut icon to millions brought mass acceptance and dignity to a genre that was strug-gling to lose the label "hillbilly". To date, he remains the only person to have twice been elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame; first in 1980 as an original member of the Sons of the Pioneers, and second, nine years later, in his own right.

In 1933, following brief periods with now forgotten groups like the Rocky Mountaineers, the O-Bar-O Cowboys and the Texas Outlaws. Len Siye, as he was then still known, joined forces with

BIRTHS,

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DEATHS

MITCHELL: Peter, died 2 August aged 72. Beloved husband of Pat and dear father of David, John and Rosemary, Chris and Ruth, Lun, grandfather of Thomas, Benjamin, Simeon, Andrew and

ian, grandfather of Thomas, Benjamin, Simeon, Andrew and Joanne. Funeral service Friday 7 August 2.30pm. St Peter's Church, Woolton, Liverpool. Family flowers only please. Gifts in memory of the Simon Peter Centre and cancer research to be sent c/o St Peter's Church.

PHILPOTT: Trevor, suddenly, in Winchester, on 29 July, Much-loved father and grandfather who will be greatly missed. Private cremation, followed by a service at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Kimpton, near Andover, Hampshire, on Friday 7 August at 2.30pm. No flowers, please, donations may be sent to the Asthma Research Campaign. co Jno Steel and Son. Chesil House, Winchester SO23 oliH.

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professionalism and originality, they honed their vocal work and their songwriting skills with the intention of creating something new. The quintet they made with the jazz-influenced Farr brothers Hugh and Karl, on fiddle and guitar respectively, formed the nucleus of the great western harmony group the

Sons of the Pioneers. Signed to Decca, they began recording the songs which became the core repertoire of "western" music including Way Out There" and "Tumbling Tumbling Tumbleweeds" (both 1934) and "There's A Round-up in the Sky" (1935). These Decca cuts and those recorded for ARC in 1937, especially the superb and long-unissued "Cowboy Night Herd Song", are notable for the beautiful texAlthough Rogers parted from the Pi-

oneers when his film career took off, they remained on good terms and often recorded and appeared with him. In 1940 he cut his first discs for Decca as a solo star, sessions which were notable for his early championing of important C&W songwriters like Fred Rose and Ray Whitley ("Yon Waited Too Long"), Jimmie Davis and Ted Daffan ("Worried Mind") and Cindy Walker ("Blue Bonnet Lane"). In 1944, in the film Hollywood Canteen, he introduced the Cole Porter standard "Don't Fence Me In", a song which Porter had purchased from a Montana rancher named Bob Fletcher. A year later it became the title of another Rogers movie

Over the next 30 years he recorded Happy Trails.

MUSICALLY, THERE was far more to Bob Nolan and Tim Spencer to form the tures produced by the subtle interplay for RCA, Capitol and Word. His later al-Pioneer Trio. Realising that the short life of vocal solos, duos and trios and for the burns, many of them featuring his wife of many bands was due to a lack of both Farrs' dazzling guitar and fiddle breaks. Dale Evans, were often of a religious nature and included The Bible Tells Me So (1962) and In the Sweet By and By (1973). He also made several popular children's records.

In 1974 he hroke into the country charts with the nostalgic "Hoppy, Gene and Me" and six years later repeated the feat with "Ride, Concrete Cowboy, Ride" from the soundtrack of Smokey and the Bandit II. In 1991 he was the subject of a Tribute album on RCA on which he duetted with many of Nashville's finest, from Emmylou Harris and Willie Nelson to Clint Black.

On the album's final track these admirers appropriately join Roy and Dale for a warm rendition of the theme tune to their long-running television show,

The shorts answer to short skirts

THE PRINCESS of Wales walked into Le Caprice last month in khaki shorts and a hush jacket. Not since the sun set on the Empire has there been such a fetching outfit to show off royal knees.

The shorts suit has become the star of this doubtful summer. The princess put her seal of approval on an outfit that is now city sleek, rather than just for weekends and sportswear.

Long shorts have become the answer to the short skirt. You see shorts in the office trim, well-pressed in cotton drill and as business-like as when they were part of a colonial military kit. The favoured colour is khaki, but shorts come also in crisp navy hlue poplin, in pin-striped linens, in dark Madras checked seersucker, or in white cotton. They look their best with a tailored top half - a plain white shirt or waistcoat. The idea of shorts as a di-

vided skirt is as old as gymslips, St 'Trinian's and games mistresses who played jolly hockey sticks. In those far-off schoolgirl days, the motive was to keep girls looking decent while playing male sports. Today's shorts - so different in spirit from the stern navy serge and chaste pleats – serve a similar function. They are worn by women who are in favour of the freedom and style of the short skirt, but unwilling to accept its sexist connotations.

The mini-skirt of the 1960s was born of the Pill and sexual liberation, and its perky, peek-a-boo image expressed that social change. Now that women are aware of the darker side of the sexual revolution, such insouciant, come-on clothes seem foolhardy. For

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City shorts are high fashion this summer and are the modern answer to the rising hemline

professional women in positions of anthority, the miniskirt suggests dolly-girl status.

This summer, there are far more shorts on the streets than short skirts, and they come for hoth sexes - convincing proof that shorts are accepted as stylish and practical. But, whereas men have only pleatfront shorts in varying degrees of bagginess, women's fashion

has come up with alternatives. The tailored above-the-knee shorts, cut like trousers, are by far the most popular and are worn in heavier fabrics as well as the summer cottons. There is also a ffirtier short, shaped on Lana Turner lines, with a defined waist and flaring legs. These shorts look more playful and are therefore for the beach rather than the office. They are worn with shapely off-theshoulder blouses or scoop-front T-shirts, with wedge-heeled

sandals or ballerina flatties. On the waterfront, there are also sporty cycle shorts in stretch lycra, that mould to the figure and are also worn by both men and women. On Mediterranean beaches, boxer shorts are still the height of 1988

fashion, this season coming up in fluorescent colours and wild primitive prints. In town, there is another

type of shorts which should more properly be called culottes. They look like a skirt except when sitting down, and seem to be worn by women who are hovering uncertainly between mid-calf skirts and shorts, and have settled at half-mast.

How the shorts are worn makes the real difference between sporty and city styles. Holidaymakers will wear shorts in the familiar way, with white socks and trainers, with a Tshirt or cotton sweater on the upper half. It is essentially a

casual look For work, shorts are worn with sandals or flat pumps or, increasingly, with a low-heeled shoes that smartens up the outfit. On the streets of Paris, shorts suits are pulled together with a battery of accessories - wide elastic belts to cinch in the waist with a brief bolero jacket, or a tan leather belt to

grip tailored shorts or to fasten the longer fitted jackets that

partner them. Accepting that shorts are a modern fashion far removed from their original sporty associations is the hallmark of this summer's style. The Princess of Wales wore her shorts suit with beige pumps and a clutch bag tucked under her arm, Perhaps the only thing that cannot be worn with shorts is a pair of tights. Even in a British summer, the ultimate accessory is

a pair of well-browned legs. Suzy Menkes

From the Fashion page of The Independent', Friday 5 August

football manager, 67; Sir Michael Drury, Emeritus Professor of General Practice, Birmingham University, 72; Miss Barbara Flynn, actress, 50; Miss Joan Hickson, actress, 92; Lord Hindlip, chairman, Christie's International, 58; Mr Alan Howard, actor, 61; Field Marshal Lord Inge, Constable of the Tower of London, 63; Mr Richard Jewson, former chairman, Meyer International, 54; Sir Michael Kerry. former Procurator General, 75; Mr Michal Kovac, President of Slovakia, 68; Sir Bert Millichip, Life Vice-President, the Football Association, 34; Mr John Monks, General Secretary, TUC, 53; Mr Turlough O'Donneli, former Lord of Appeal, North-ern Ireland, 74; Mr Rodney Pattison, yachtsman, 55, Mr

Keith Pearson, former Head-

master, George Heriot's

School, Edinburgh, 57; Sir Eric Pountain, chairman,

and entomologist, 90; Sir

Nicholas Scott, former MP,

James Beattie, 65; The Hon

Miriam Rothschild, zoologist

BIRTHDAYS

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65; Lord Sefton of Garston,

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ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Alexander William Kinglake, historian and traveller, 1809; Henri-René Albert-Guy de Maupassant. author, 1850; Conrad Potter Aiken, novelist and poet, 1889; Harold Holt, Australian prime minister, 1908; Robert Taylor (Spangler Arlington Brugh), actor, 1911.

Deaths: Thomas Newcomen, inventor and engineer, 1729; James Gibbs, architect, 1754; Lord Frederick North, second Earl of Guilford, statesman, 1792; Richard, Earl Howe ("Black Dick"), naval officer, 1799; Alexis-Benoit Soyer, master cook and writer, 1858; William Henry Giles Kingston, author of boys' books, 1880; Thomas Henry Wyatt, architect, 1880; Friedrich Engels, political writer, 1895; Philip William

"Phil" May, caricaturist, 1903; Catherine "Skittles" Walters, courtesan, 1920; Ella Shields (Buscher), music-hall artiste and male impersonator, 1952; Marilyn Monroe (Norma Jean Mortenson), film actress, 1962; Richard **Burton (Richard Walter** Jenkins), actor, 1984.

On this day: Sir William Wallace, leader of the Scots, was captured by the English, 1305; Sir Humphrey Gilbert took possession of Newfoundland for England, 1583; the first electrical traffic signals in the world were installed, Cleveland, Ohio 1914; German forces entered Warsaw, 1915; polygamy was abolished in Turkey, 1924; the British transatlantic airmail service was started, 1939; the musical Solad Days was first produced, London 1954; the European Monetary Agreement was signed, 1955; the French Southern and **Antarctic Territories were** created, 1955; the French colony of Upper Volta became independent, 1960: a nuclear test ban treaty was signed by Britain, the US

Today is the Feast Day of St Abel, Saints Addai and Mari, St Afra and St Nonna.

and the Soviet Union, 1963.

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Queen visits Kincardine Community Hospital, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire. Prince Edward launches Scottish Power's video promoting Outward Bound at the Glasgow Climbing Centre.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am: 1st Battalion Welsh Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace,

LECTURES

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "Venice (i): Titian, The Death of Actaeon", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Katharine Hugh, "Secular Imagery in Medieval Art", 2pm. Tate Gallery: Jonathan Blackwood, "Jacob Epstein",

British Museum: Luke Syson, "Medal Making in Stuart Britain", 11.30am.

IT LOOKS highly likely that 1998 will set a new record for defining moments, beating the high mark set last year. With 411 appearances in 1997 in our newspaper database, defining moment was one of the cliches of the year. By contrast there had been only 207 defining moments in 1996, slightly

WORDS

WILLIAM HARTSTON defining moment

Even those, however, were clearly more definitive years than the two that

The tally so far this year is 302, which, with five months of the year still to run, predicts a total of over 500. well ahead of the figure for

The rise in defining moments may also be matched by a record numpreceded them: there were ber of watersheds, which 102 defining moments in look set to top the 800 ber of watersheds, which down from the 237 in 1995. 1994 and only 62 in 1993. mark for the first time.

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Written on the body

Your T-shirt says more about you than mere personality ever can.

> Words: Melanie Rickey Photographs: Donna Trope Styling: Holly Wood

> > Design duo Antoni &

Alison began a fad for

slogan T-shirts that

about the wearer from

'Babe' to 'Whore'

found fame through her anti-nuclear T-shirt slogan "58 per cent Say No To Pershing" and "Choose Life" in 1983, and is still on the campaign trail with her latest, "Passports for Pets". "Frankie Says Relax" is another classic of the genre. But that was the Eighties. Today the T-shirt is more fashionable than political.

In the past few years we've had the kiddies' T-shirt trend, thanks to Paula Yates and Yasmin Le Bon plundering their daughters' wardrobes for Little Miss Trouble, Minnie Mouse and their ilk; and the Trainspotting trend when everyone wanted one like Ewan McGregor's. which was an original Seventies number that should have stayed in the 5p bin at Oxfam.

More recently the unisex street print and put it

on T-shirts, Vivienne Westwood cuts them on the hias and charges £105 for the privilege, and high street stores Warehouse and French Connection cover them

for the ultimate T-shirt.

Fashion designer John Rocha, for shirts made for him twice a year because the design this own from three years ago! flatters his shape. He is not alooe. Kenneth Mackenzie, the designer of men's label 6876. has a thing about Agnès B and Comme des Garcons long-sleeved Tshirts and always makes sure he's stocked up.

Mackenzie and Rocha represent the purist approach. Anyone with the lamb in a nativity play." Antoni more than a passing interest in reveals: "I was experimenting with looking well turned out - ie anyone my Ziggy Stardust-inspired hair who works in fashioo, arts or design-related fields - will have a bit of this purist streak in their blood. The shape, style, fabric and colour are reliably informed that there will so (mine's a Gap slim-fit V-neck Tamsin Blanchard is on holiday

he humble T-shirt is that, annoyingly, has been discontinued). Stylist Holly Wood favours cheapest forms of an early Eighties Vivienne Westmaking a statement. wood Seditionaries T-shirt). Once Katharine Hamnett the right T-shirt is found it is difficult to change, and everyone has their own favourite.

Aside from hlack, white and grey classics, however, there is another world of T-shirts out there. The big and baggy, that can be bought from any market; the sporty, such as Adidas, Nike and Tommy Hilfiger, and the tiny, from kid's shops. The trendy, the arty and the cool are a different matter and are subject to personal tastes, but this lot are a pretty good example. We spent all weekend putting them on customers at a McDonald's drive-thru in East London.

One of the favourites of the day was from Antoni & Alison, the duo who changed the face of T-shirt fashion in the early Nineties by plastering "Love It" across the front of a classic tee. They began a fad for label YMC have taken a graph paper slogan T-shirts that proclaimed

everything about their wearer from "Babe" to "Whore".

"The lipstick one is about all proclaimed everything the things you can find in your make-up case, says Antoni, whose passion

with beads and sequins. A sign of the for the T-shirt has not waned after times, certainly, but there are some 10 years in the business. "When we obsessives who go to greater lengths first started to work with them it was because the T-shirt was taken for granted and overlooked. Then it example, has 12 ideotical white T- became something we could play with." And play with it they do. Their latest bestseller is printed simply with "1974".

"We had a guy drive up to the shop on Saturday in his big car who walked in, bought 1974, and walked out wearing it."

According to Antoni "1974" can mean anything. Alison says: "It reminds me of the year I played the lit-

and make-up." Unfortunately 1974 was out of stock at the time of the shoot, but we -black, white or grey - must be just be more by the end of the week.



Jody Brown wears French Connection Tee, £30



Tom wears Oeuf back-





Chris wearsJimi Hendrix T-shirt, £30, by Union



Buffet wears Pink Toulouse Lantrec t-shirt, £25, by Born Free



Liz wears lipstick T-shirt, £37.50, by Antoni and Alison



Alan wears navy T-shirt, £30, by Generic Costume

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Stacey wears graph Tee, £35, by YMC

HOT THING

THE VERY nature of fashion dictates that what may be "in" one week. will be "out" the next. Over the past few years one accessory has defied this rule, and remains in perpetual production through high street stores nationwide. The humhle hair clip. once a plain, yet practical schoolgirl essential took off in a hig way in the eruption of "girlie" chic that defined 1994. Barrettes, as they are known in their native US, were first popularised by Riot Grrls, and brought to the fore by Courtney Love in 1993. Her kinderwhore look combined cutesy kiddie fashion with aggressive makeup, footwear, and of course, music. some hairslides shaped like ar-The point was that the look sug- rows. It struck me as odd that she

gested one thing, but the reality was totally different.

Sure, the clips were used to adorn hleach-blonde, cigarettehurned hair, but they were designed ultimately to make a point about women as objects. Irony was as much a part of it as the neo-feminist manifestos. Yet whilst the Riot Grrl movement has died a death, the child's hair accessory in all its permutations - tiara, hairband, kirby grip, bobble, and hair-clip has risen from the ashes.

On the bus, I saw an old-ish lady (by which I mean she hadn't been to school for a long time), wearing

wore something so directly pointing out her greying hairs. Of course, this illustrates the flip side of the hair clip debate - they may be covered in sequins, bows, and diamante, or disguised as butterflies, flowers, or Japanese cartoons characters like Hello Kitty, but at least they're practical. The original reason for their existence is of course to tame our barnets, but why not fix a dodgy do with a simple, no-fuss clip? Why these ridiculous trips back to primary school when they were forced upon us? Those of us who remember the origins of kiddie fashion are beginning to wonder why they are still around. Perhaps it's down to the fashion vs

THE HAIR SLIDE

Flower-child Drew Barrymore

feminism, style vs comfort debate. Because the two exist in parallel, the hair slide will be reborn again and again. Right now the only place

popping up at the rate of one per week in the UK. Toys 'R' US, Hamley's and Sainsbury's also provide a good hunting ground for adult re-gressives to indulge their childhood fantasies. Elle fashion assistant mits to liking Barbie accessories on the pages of her magazine. "It's not about regressing. I don't take it that seriously. I like them because they are cheap, humorous and lighthearted, and it saves spending a for-tune on expensive, fashiony things." The ultra girlie look is now con-

to shop for kiddle hair fashion is For, while floaty nighties, eeny-Claire's Accessories, a Pandora's weeny cardies and school uniforms box of a shop which has branches are not hip for a woman over 21, and inappropriate for the office, the practicalities of the hairslide cannot be ignored. Indeed, the choice of hair slide is a discreet, yet very telling example of inner personal-ity. The child's hair accessory is Cathy Chan would disagree: she ad- arguably the comedy tie or Disney socks of working women everywhere. Most women do not think about the deeper meaning of what they wear in their hair...

How about a revolution in hair accessories? Let's again take the iead from Courtney Love, and swap cute for couture. Chuck out those sidered passé, but only to a degree. silly tiaras (so trashy), and the but-

terfly clips that look as if they have accidently landed on the head (just ridiculous). After all, it's time we grew up. Big girls don't cry, they spend Indeed, maybe this is one for Calvin Klein and Donna Karan: chic hairclips, for just £30 each? (Just an idea.) Anyway, everyone knows that comedy ties are not the sign of a worker with a sense of humour, but a man with too much time on his hands.

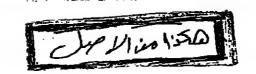
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You ask the questions

(Such as, Ken Livingstone, ex-Borgia of the hard Left, can you recommend a decent white wine for under £5?)

en Livingstone, born in London in 1945. joined the Labour Party in 1969. He ran the Greater London Council (GLC) from 1981 to 1986, earning the nickname "Red Ken"; Ken Baker called him "The Borgia of the hard Left". Opinion polls rate him as the politician Londoners would most like to have as mayor - he has just released a manifesto outlining his plans were he to succeed, including free entry to London Zoo and the pedestrianisation of Soho. He lives with his partner, Kate Allen, in Cricklewood.

For destroying the GLC and trashing the post-war settlement, do you hate and despise Margaret Thatcher as much as I do? Andy F, Rugby, Warwickshire.

I think she was a psychopath who in different circumstances might have killed tens of millions. Instead she just demolished the quality of life for the vast majority of the people in Britain.

I know you enjoy drinking white wine, could you recommend something for less than £5 a bottle? David Godfrey, Twickenham. Any main supermarket has reasonably good wine for under £5 a bottle.

What crimes have you committed? Martin Hughes, Jersey. In 1957 I stole a German-English dictionary from Streatham WH Smith.

Which MP do you have greatest respect for? Christopher Bing, Perth. John Hulme

What books and political events have had the most influence on your convictions? Patrick Fox, Basingstoke 1984 and Animal Furm.

If you were castaway with one hope it would be and why? Linda Cowly, Dorset. I would prefer solitary confinement.

As leader of the GLC, you effected meaningful change with the backing of a multi-member au-

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thority, numerous officials and a massive infra-structure. As mayor, you will be politically "on your own", with less staff/infra-structure and presumably less statutory powers. How will you effect meaningful change this time? (I'm sure you'll be elected). Andrew Holdcroft, Tile Hill College.

The failure of the GLC was that it was not a strategical authority. As a vast bureaucracy delivering personal services it was really a big council. The Government's new GLA is a strategical authority and therefore doesn't need the staffing levels of the GLC. To affect meaningful change your policies have to be right which is much more important that the size of your organisation.

Why did you shave your moustache? Keith Flett, east London.

I only grew it to look older when I was 23, this is no longer a priority.

Will post 2000 politics bring new Tony Benns' and Ken Livingstones' or simply a growing col-lection of "goons" with advertising degrees?

Nick Falle, St Lawrence, Jersey. Most definitely. If someone in 1969 had predicted that Tony Benn would become the leader of the Left they would have been laughed out of the dehate. Somewhere on the vertebrae-free Labour hack benches lurks the Benn of 2010. It will only be with time that we discover who it is. My money's on Yvette Cooper!

How do you think your role as mayor would differ from leading the GLC? Do you envisage public transport being as cheap as it was during your days on the GLC?

The two jobs are completely different Cutting fares on the Tube now wouldn't have the same effect as in 1981. Then we had unused capacity, now you couldn't squeeze anyone else onto it. Fares must come down in real more public transport capacity.

As boss of the GLC you acted as a kind of unofficial diplomat to Northern Ireland. Why did you only contact Sinn Fein, and

you a terrorist at beart? Christopher Walker, London There was no point in talking to anybody eise. You had to talk to the peo-

ple who were doing the fighting as terms to get people out of their cars the British government eventually Alastair Morrison, Hayes hut the most important thing is to get discovered 10 years on and after an- The German additional member other 1,000 lives had been lost.

> If you could no longer live in the UK but could choose any other country, where would you choose? if, one fair day, Tony Blair said. "Ken, I will grant you one wish ..." What would you ask for? Sean Roche.

William Hague bas had his sinuses drained. Would you consider doing the same? Nicolas Sedah, Sutton Coldfield.

Holland/Chancellor of the Exchequer

What is an apploti-do you have one? Jon Rollinson, biologist, Perth. It is the juvenile form of a sala- Is it appropriate that the old GLC

SDLP or the Alliance Party? Are Mexico when it became too dry for salamanders on land.

> What is your preferred electoral system for local government in I was leader of the GLC. London?

Do you believe the Palestinians have a right to independence and self determination and the right of return?

George Abenstern & Linda Clair, Rochdole Absolutely. There will be no peace in the Middle East until the Palestinians have their own state and the right to return to those parts of Is-

You have to spend £500 in Harvey Nichols, what would you buy? Angela, Fulham, London.

rael they were driven out of

A better suit than the one I have on.

through them the IRA and not the mander. It evolved in the deserts of building is full of fishy things and sharks?

Marcus Beale, Cormooll. I just wish I had the sharks there to deal with difficult colleagues when

What sort of car do you drive? Pete Greer, Ipswich.

What's your idea of a romantic night out?

Lizzie McEwen, Surrey. A pleasant meal in a restaurant where I can hear myself think.

Do you think that an economic crisis on the scale of the oil crisis in the 1970s may come from the potential collapse of the Asian tiger economies, which could result in the withdrawal of the cheap labour that props np free-market capitalism in the West?

Andrew Curtis, Hampshire. I expect the recession to be the least bad of the last 20 years insofar as it affects Britain. But there is always

the possibility that political misjudgements will precipitate something much worse.

You are on the record as being in favour of a strict privacy law. Have you got something to hide? Richard Nelsson, Streatham Hill

London. No, it's just that I want to try and end the English and American obsessions with other people's sex lives in the hope that they will put more effort into their own.

If you become Lord Mayor of London what will you do to help the many union members who work for London Underground who, under PPP, face worsening terms and conditions and reduced pension rights, and how can

you help in the meantime? Simon Ponsonby. By the time we have a mayor it will be too late. We have to campaign now to protect trade union memWhat do you call your favourite newt? William Smyth, Stockport. I never gave them names

In your latest manifesto, how can you justify free entry to London Zoo if you were mayor? Surely it would cost a fortune?

Monica Diamond, Highgate. No. because with many museums now being free in London, there could be problems with the numbers visiting London Zoo going down. It's a huge educational source as well.

Do you feel it's time for a new nickname - perhaps Pink Ken? Jane Ellis, Oxford. I never was as Red as they said.

Do you think the Government will entirely approve of your plans as would-be mayor?

Nick Johnson, Holland Park. Yes. I understand Tony Blair is sitting by a pool in Tuscany saying. "What a bright young fellow Ken is. bers' rights from worsening under And why didn't I give him a job?"

IRRITATIONS OF MODERN LIFE

8: MUZAK BY VERONICA GROOCOCK

MUSIC IS my passion. I like it neat, not watered down. But, as in all the best love affairs, I have to be in the mood to indulge in it. I don't like it thrust on me without my consent. Not some tinny travesty of Telemann or Tchaikovsky. No vile versions of Beethoven or Vivaldi. I refer, of course, to muzak, that prolific impostor insidiously and increasingly putting itself about like some insolent upstart. That aesthetically offensive, pernicious product of our consumerist culture. Depressing enough when confined to supermarkets and shopping malls, but increasingly used as a device to

keep us furning with frustration on the end of the line. That immortal refrain, "I'll just put you on hold", can signal some excruciatingly painful moments. I steel myself for the intrusion and brandish the receiver several feet away from my ear, thereby risking being cut off and having to go through the whole caboodle again. I can feel my stress levels rising. And there is no escape. It is

everywhere: banks, newspaper offices, even the doctor's surgery. Hi-tech telephone systems mask a multitude of dins. My accountant, a classical musician, finds her office's shiny new jingle particularly obnoxious and has been desperately trying to erase it. In my own case, I'd have thought twice before buying my latest answerphone had I



realised that a tacky electronic version of Beethoven's "Für Elise" (referred to only as "a melody" in the user guide) was part of the package.

The longer the wait to speak to a Real Person, the greater the build-up of rage and frustration. In pre-jingle days, it was quite common to hear clicks on the line, indicating a human presence out there somewhere. And an occasional interjection of "Helio, are you there?", might elicit a response, even if it was only "Trying to connect you". Not any more. These days you are at the mercy of the resident robot's repeated mantra: "Sorry, All our lines are busy at present " And before you can say

"Stuff the jingle, silence is golden", you're in for another dose of Baroque, or much worse. We hangers-on are well and truly grounded. Unsolicited music, like the

pleasure, to be enjoyed on my

terms, no one else's. I want to

uninvited guest, invades your privacy and peace of mind. For me, music is an intimate

my choosing, be it home, church, concert hall, disco. Or, when I'm in transit, on my personal stereo, where it doubles as a necessary antidote to the mobile phone. If only the powers-that-be

would realise that theirs is an abortive strategy, that what presumably is designed to keep me hanging on and happy, actually has the reverse effect. Instead of soothing, it makes me seethe. Instead of entertaining and uplifting, it nearly drives me to destruction (as well as distraction).

When some of our greatest composers are reduced to the level of the uniformly bland, expedient soundbite, it's hardly surprising if everything winds up sounding the same. When experienced in such an artificial context, a much-loved piece of music can be ruined for all time. Handel's Water Music, to name one favourite of mine, is forever tainted by being played to death down the line.

Muzak as well as being a grotesque abuse of "real" music, is aural pollution, period. Our environment is already awash with other forms of pollution, over which most of us have little or no control. Muzak has to be the most banal, avoidable form of it. I'd like to see it banned throughout the telephone network. Or, if that is too radical for today's technocrats, then perhaps we can be offered an additional "option" to the usual list: press savour it at leisure, in a place of zero for Silence.

Why do men kill their children?

WE WILL never know for sure what went on in Stephen Carter's mind as he killed his three children at the weekend. Lucy, aged seven, Thomas, aged four, and three-year-old Holly died in the family car. It appears that they were drugged before Mr Carter set the car alight. Then he hanged himself from a nearby tree. Suddenly, a family had been wiped out, leaving the mother, Teresa Carter, to live with her terrible loss. Mrs Carter has been left utterly powerless, with no possibility of setting matters right and, because her husband is also dead, no chance of thoroughly understanding why he killed their children.

The danger is that the rush to explain will lead to blame being settled upon the bereaved, who are already overburdened Psychobabbling is entertaining, but it can be dangerous. Those who lose family through a suicide are much more likely than the average person to kill themselves. We need to bear Mrs Carter's

welfare closely in mind. Yet you can already see the story being constructed in terms which say that everything would have been all right had Mrs Carter been a loyal wife. A tragedy is fast being turned into a morality tale.

Mrs Carter had left the family for a year, then had become reconciled only seven weeks ago. Her husband apparently feared that she was about to leave again. That must have been very distressing for him. But it is worth remembering that it is commonplace for women and, indeed, men to be left alone with their children, deserted by their partners. They usually survive. Stricide and murder rarely follow. So to understand why everything turned out so terribly wrong in this case, you This most tragic, illogical crime begs a vital question. By Jack O'Sullivan



Lucy, Holly and Thomas Carter

need to know the complex psychological details of this particular family, this particular man.

This is also true of other cases, for although such instances of mass killing are unusual, they happen with some regularity. In February, Kenneth McKey slit his throat after knifing his two children, while their mother screamed for help. McKay died. The children survived. The couple had had a long history of domestic disputes and had split up some months before.

In January, Paul Madin, a 37-yearold mechanic from Derbyshire, died in a burning car with his two children, a month after his partner had left him. Mr Madin had been depressed and had talked of suicide. ror of what he had done. When passers-by tried to pull him

from the burning vehicle, he pushed them aside.

We may never discover the secrets of such tragedies, but it is possible to resolve one paradox: how

can a man love his children, and yet kill them? There are many possible reasons for such extreme action. There was, for example, once a patient at Scotland's maximumsecurity hospital in Carstairs, who had suffered a "pathological sense of altruism". He killed his family after developing an acute sense of the danger that they faced in the solution if he is trying to protect world. He perceived killing them as

an act of kindness. The man eventually recovered. and then had to deal with the hor-

"A man might see himself as the ever again."

lone protector of his children against a powerful and evil threat," explains Avi Shmueli, a marital psy-chotherapist at London's Tavistock Marital Studies Institute. A deranged mind may well identify the loss of a mother and wife, or the break-up of a family, as just such a threat, he says.

The father may feel that he could in some way immortalise him-self and his children – put them beyond harm and hurt - by dying himself, after taking their lives."

It may come as a surprise to some people that a man can become so intensely involved with his children as this, especially given the conventional wisdom that fathers tend to be marginal figures in families. But Avi Shmueli is unsurprised ; "A father can feel just as much as a mother about his children. Those feelings may not be as accessible but they can be just as intense "

However, you cannot escape the truth that killing a child is also a highly aggressive act, in particular towards the mother.

"It can he an act of huge anger. The father has taken away her power, leaving her with onthing she can do," explains Shrnueli. So why, you wonder, don't men in these circumstances kill their wives instead of their children?

"There may be a very good reason," he says. "It could be that the man realises that if he kills his wife he will end up in jail for life and he will lose his children. So that is no them. There is something about killing them and himself which means that he both hurts the person he thinks can damage them, and places all of them beyond being hurt

Bayreuth: How very Wagnerian

For the purist, it is the Wagner venue. But this year, Bayreuth has been beset by controversy and feuding. By Paul Levy

very July on the first night of the Richard Wagner festival at people of this small Bavarian city line the pavements of the Green Hill that leads to the Festspielhaus, the theatre that Wagner designed down to the last detail. The crowds are there to gawp at some of the outlandish frocks worn by the ladies and last Saturday, at the cavalcade of first-nighters.

It is the ambihon of all Wagnerlovers to hear his operas performed at Bayreuth, in the auditorium with the acoustical properties the composer wanted. Tickets are almost impossible to get, although, at an average price of £85, they are not expensive by international opera standards. You either have to put your name on a waiting list for a few years, or short-circuit the process by joining one of the Wagner societies affiliated to the Friends of Bayreuth. Apparently an annual contribution of 5,000DM will get your name to the top of the list.

So devoted are the Wagnerites that they will not only wait years for tickets, but also sit in seats without arms, in a hot, badly ventilated auditorium, in rows without aisles and with no means of escape once the performance has started. And note that, with intervals, Gotterdammerung lasts nearly seven hours.

But despite the 20-minute ovation for this season's opening-night revival of The Flying Dutchman, there's turmoil and worry about survival beneath the surface.

This year is the 87th festival. For the past two years there have been oo new productions and Wolfgang Wagner, the 78-year-old director of the festival and grandson of the composer, had to announce only a month ago that Willy Decker, director, and Wolfgang Gussmann, designer, have withdrawn from the new Lohengrin scheduled for 1999. This means that Mr Wagner now has to find an entirely new production team for an opera that is already cast.

The singers are exciting: John Tomlinsoo as King Henry, Roland Wagenführer, who has just made his Bayreuth debut as Erik in the Dutchman, will sing the title role; Melanie Diener sings Elsa; Jean-Philippe Lafont Telranmod and Gahriele Schnaut, who is preparing to sing Brunnhilde here in 2000, will return as Ortrud. Only a year remains until the premiere. When it was suggested that Mr Wagner might undertake the direction himself, fortunately for the future of the festival he said be was too busy with other things.

His chief concern is the succeswith the help of his younger wife, ness, his preposterous, polemical



The Meistersingers at Bayreuth. The past two years of the Wagnerian festival have seen no new productions

Gudrum, who is odds-on favourite to hold on to the reins.

Power is vested in a foundation formed in 1973, with representatives of the federal, state and local governments, as well as of the Society of Friends of Bayreuth, and the "entitled members of the Wagner brother's children. Excluding, you can't help hut notice, his own son, Gottfried, who this year lobbed a sion. At present he runs the show, hombshell into the Bayreuth fast-

apologia called He Who Does not Howl with the Wolf (Sanctuary Music Library). "Uncle Wolf" was the Wagner family's pet name for Hitler. Gottfried, who was born in 1947, helieves that the family, especially his grandmother Winifred, has never sufficiently acknowledged the link beand anti-Semitism.

The younger Mr Wagner spoils his own case because it is clear that his special pleading has much to do with his father's rejection of him and his

conspicuously absent, too, from the list of speakers for a conference taking place at Bayreuth from 6 to 11 August on the subject "Wagner and

Convened by academics from the universities of Bayreuth, Tel Aviv and Heidelberg, it will feature talks such as Professor Saul Freidlander on "Bayreuth and Redemptive Anti-Semitism", Professor Peter Gay on "Wagner from a Psychoanalytic Per-

lack of standing in the festival. He is ing on "Wagner and the American Jew - A Personal Reflection", Dina Porat on "The Impact of Wagner's Coocepts on the Nazi Movement" and Na'ama Sheffi on "Wagner in Israel: from the Ban to the Creation of a Symbol, 1938-1997".

A power gap is beginning to manspective", Joseph Horowitz speak- remarkable productions of the Meis- best Ring, what's the place for it?

Anne Kirchbach

tersingers and Pursiful. A new Ring is scheduled for 2000, to be directed by Jürgen Flimm, the director of the Thalia Theatre in Hamburg. with Erich Wonder as designer and Giuseppe Sinopoli conducting.

The present Ring cycle is underdirected by Alfred Kirchner and ifest itself. There will be no Ring in hideously designed and costumed by 1999, only the new Lohengrin, if it Rosalie, though the Rheingold I saw gets off the ground, plus revivals of again this week seemed a little less the Dutchman, Heiner Müller's fine silly than at its first night in 1994. If Triston and Mr Wagner's own, un- Bayreuth does not have the world's

Mr Wagner's credo, as expressed io his foreword to this year's programme, in its rejection of most of what happens on today's progressive opera stages, rules out real reform.

The culture represented by the festival has nothing in common with the now widespread, insatiable craving for sensational but ultimately ephenieral events; they are, indeed, diametrical opposites," he writes. "Anyone merely seeking sensahons' of this sort should steer clear of Bayreuth.

*Unwilling, as ever, to conform to the trend for modish, commercialised superficiality, or to resort to the display of glitter and tinsel as practised by certain other international festivals, our festival has come in for repeated criticism from the media, but nonetheless it continues to enjoy enormous and undiminished support from an international audience. It is surely obvious enough whom we perform

That part of the ghost of Mr Wagner's grandfather who supported the revolution of 1848 is doubtless whirling in his grave at these words. But he may have found something to praise in the director Dieter Dorn's and designer Jurgen Rose's Flying Dutchman.

Under the conductor Peter Schneider the Bayreuth orchestra sounds its stormy, steamy best, yet with real sweetness for Senta's and the Dutchman's tender moments. Cheryl Studer sings a mighty but gentle Senta, with a marvellous timhre that it is easy to believe is the voice of a very young woman. The title role was a triumphant debut for another American singer. Alan Titus. who is taking over the role of Wotan from John Tomlinson in 2000.

But the real meat of this production is Jürgen Rose's sets. Surely inspired by Chagall, in the second act Mr Rose has built a bright yellow room with a pitched ceiling from which dangles a single light bulb. The spinning chorus takes place here, but when the lovers, transported by their own emotions, step out of the room, it takes off and revolves through 360 degrees, with the light bulb magically still at a right angle to the floor, and the Dutchman's hat remaining on the seat of the chair. even when upside down.

Mr Wagner's own production of Meistersingers has a similar white room in Act 3. But all it does is make you realise what a rag-bag of styles. scenery and costumes he has resorted to for this staging. There is simply no unity of style or concept Daniel Barenboim conducted with his usual force and elegance - which made the scattered booing at his curtain-call impossible to understand.

The view from the cheap seats

Louise Levene on the ballet

supporters who never miss a fixture

the heat

BALLET IS for toffs. We all know this. It's in the papers. Journalists (even house-trained ones) are forever bewailing the elitist oature of ballet, hlaming either high ticket prices or management snobbery. There aren't enough ordinary people, they cry.

But the thing we must remember is that journalists always sit in the stalls. There they crouch, clutching complimentary tickets costing £55 surrounded by Chanel and Savile Row and imagin-

ing the whole house to be as rich and famous as the people around them. Meanwhile, in

another part of the theatre, ladies in print frocks and donnish men in beige are lavishing their entire disposable in-

come on the art form they love. London's balletomanes have been starved of full-length classical ballet for six mooths and they were all out in force at the Colisseum for the Royal Ballet's four-week summer

season which ended last Saturday. You can't even see the balcony audience from the stalls but you know they're there from the different applause patterns. Sometimes it's intelligent (when they applaud a good step), sometimes it's fanatical (when they cheer a favourite) but it's often out of phase with the response downstairs. As a rule it's the larger personalities that get the biggest

cheers - when you're that far from the stage you appreciate a performer who can really project to the back of the gallery.

It's a few years since I saw ballet from the gods so last Saturday aftermoon I went undercover through the cultural apartheid of the tradesman's entrance and up the hard concrete stairway to the top of the London Coliseum. I take all the usual precautions: loose clothing,

large Spanish fan, oxygeo tank. The last time I sat in The last time I sat in the amphitheatre at Covent Garden I passed out from at Covent Garden,

I ask an usher I passed out from if they've had many casualties this seasoo but apparently the appaling weather

has kept the temperatures down. In any case, the real threat to health is not up in the balcony but down in the thickly carpeted dress and upper circles where the low ceiling of the overhang and the overpowering smell of Coco keep the stretcher bearers of St John's Amhulance Brigade in business.

The balcony's high ceiling and the fresh air wafting in from the back may give it the edge healthwise but the stage is 60 metres away. Rent opera glasses in Paris and they'll give you a decent pair in return for a deposit. Loodon theatregoers put up with

useless plashe toys that probably



Do you come here often? Viviana Durante and Irek Mukhamedov in 'Manou'

cost less than 20p to make and which render the action fractionally closer and decidedly fuzzier. Seasoned punters have learned that investment in some high-powered German lenses can give you a ringside view from the cheap seats.

Binocular ownership is an early symptom of balletomania and makes it easy for me to identify fellow sufferers. "Do you come bere often?" You bet they do. All the people I spoke to seemed to have seen all the different casts in each ballet this season - some admitted to catching every single performance.

These may be the cheap seats (£12.50 for the back of the balcony) hut it all adds up. What they save on couture (and dentistry in some cases) they spend on ballet. They applaud in all the right places and cheer enthusiastically but probe more closely and they are not as uncritical as they seem. Like Newcastle United supporters, they know their team isn't really world class at the

moment but they go on rooting for much admired both for her dancing them anyway. And woe betide anyone who says a bad word about the Royal Ballet in print. Critics are clearly the scum of the earth and this is no place to sport a shorthand notebook unless you want to be

lynched. Try to act natural. Far below us Darcey Bussell is dancing Manon. She's dancing well - particularly considering that Igor Zelensky doesn't look confident with the steps and almost drops her in the courtyard pas de deux.

In the interval I sidle up to a punter. He is unconvinced by Bussell's Manon. Did he see Guillem last night? Yes and the Saturday before that and the Thursday before that. We enthuse together about ber reckless magnificence: "She doesn't play Manon. She is Manon." "Are you coming tonight?" "You bet. Viv and

Viviana Durante who has often danced extra performances when Bussell has been injured is very

and her hard work. Mukhamedov is also adored. Every flash of those Byzantine eyes beams right up to the back row and the fans value his intensity and commitment

The Bussell-Zelensky performance warms up considerably in the big set pieces and the tragic finale works well - particularly up here where the acoustic is at its best. They cheer long and loud. As we file off I buttonhole a man sporting top-of-the-range laser-sighted field glasses. He looks like a slightly camp racing tipster. Did he enjoy Bussell?

"She's a lovely dancer, very expressive dancer but it's not ber role". Perhaps he prefers Guillem? "Oob no. Leaves me cold. There's nothing there."

And what about Bussell's Russian partner? "I remember Anthony Dowell in the role of course. Zelensky's only got two expressions: confused and very confused."

And they say critics are cruel.

Middle-aged but still wicked

FOR THE duration of Run DMC's set, a clutch of tiny children, presumably Run DMC offspring, jigged up and down excitedly at the back of the stage. And so they might, because

kids in their class. Since Jason Nevins's remix of "It's Like That", the track that put Run DMC at No1 in the charts for seven weeks, the legendary rap outfit have resumed their esteemed posilion at the forefront of hip-hop. They have also doubled their profits with a whole new following, mostly young, ultra-trendy cluhhers

trying to discover what this new-fangled "old skool" sound is all about. In 1983 this rap triumvirate from Brooklyn prompted a new direction in hip-hop governed by two turntables and a micropbone. But sales started to dwindle in the mid-Eighties as their innocuous brand of rap was usurped by their more controversial counterparts Public Enemy and gangsta rappers Snoop Doggy Dog and Tupac Shakur.

Yet despite this fluctuating career, Run DMC still sound remarkably contemporary and, when you consider that their eponymous debut album was released at the same time as, say, Duran Duran's dreadful

"Wild Boys", this is no mean feat, Dressed in traditional hip-hop attire - Adidas shirt, black hat and shades - Jam Master Jay pranced on to the stage, shouting "If you know about old akool hip-hop, make some noise". His cohorts "Reverend" Run and DMC followed behind, DMC bolding his trainers aloft for their famous bomage to their sponsors, "My Adidas".

This is an interactive concert with and every movement of the crowd directed by the rappers. "Whenever I say Jam Master, you shout Jay," shouts DMC. "When I shout "What you gorna do? You shout "Ooooo" and point your finger at Jam Master Jay." After a while it got a little complex and I began to feel like a toddler learning the art of conversation.

POP RUN DMC

Run DMC are obviously in a quandary over the Nevins single. As DJ Run inquires "how many knew DMC before Jason Nevins?" it is clear that the track fails to meet their exacting, old-skool standards and a significant proportion of the crowd stare ashamedly at their feet. But

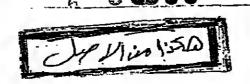


Run DMC: Back to life

they are soon let off the hook as, to roars of delight, they launch into their own version of the single from 1983. Clearly not averse to their 1986 collaboration with Aerosmith they also do show-stopping performances of "Walk This Way" after which DMC pulls off his Adidas Tshirt,

signs it and tosses it into the crowd. For all their hip-hop hyperbole, Run DMC pull off a suitably riotous performance without an inkling of the menace or politicised egotism of their cliché-ridden imitators, and prove that even when approaching middle-age, bip-bop is still a force to be reckoned with.

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New York has taken the blockbuster route to putting bums

on seats. But size isn't everything. By David Benedict

of New York's finest the dramatic question that dwarfs everything that Broadway has to offer is how come we didn't know that detergents beat dry-cleaning? Begging Oscar Hammerstein's pardon, if Monica had washed that man (or rather, that dress) right out of her hair, Bill Clinton might not have had to face his spot of bother

The other (possibly interrelated) question in the minds of theatre-goers is "does size matter?" According to Godzilla it does, but look what happened to that. Such box-office horrors aside, somewhere along the line Broadway got big, Very.

Disney - not exactly an organisation which subscribes to the "small is beautiful" principle - muscled in on the theatrical action with Beauty and the Beast. Four years and counting it has been cloned, sorry, restaged worldwide, but in Manhattan it's now strictly for slow-off-the-starting-blocks out-of-towners.

Sophisticated audiences are much more interested in Disney's follow-up. Julie Taymor's vividly theatrical reimagining of The Lion King is a critical and box-office bonanza. Six Tony awards later, tickets are, shall we say, a trifle hard to come by Bearing this in mind, a friend pitched up to the boxoffice last week and requested four tickets for 21 November. "Which year?" came the reply. My friend can have any seat she likes in 2000, there's limited availability in 1999, but don't even think about this year.

It's a similar story with the season's other monster hit, Ragtime. Even the press office couldn't rustle anything up for me. I was forced to wangle a ticket via someone who knows someone who... Ragtime received the kind of notices politely described as ecstatic. Following E L Doctorow's novel and the not altogether dissimilar Show Boat (1927) it dares to look race in the face, charting the three strands of the population at the turn comfortable whites, oppressed blacks

and struggling immigrants. The seriousness of the creators' intent allied to the frankness of the show's populism - it's a musical, don't forget - across such a broad social canvas has won praise and awards from all quarters. Yet even to one who hasn't read the novel, Terrence Mc-Nally's text feels schematic and the production over-literal. But it works. Like Eugene Lee's rather unimaginative but efficient sets, the dovetailing of the plots is superbly engineered and Stephen Flaherty's music floods the action, rising to hugely emotional and highly dra-

nether you're a itall next March when it arrives at the lowly tourist or one Prince Edward Theatre.

Whether they will get the full 240 volts of Brian Stokes Mitchell and Audra McDonald as the black couple at the considerable heart of the story is another matter. Stokes has presence and dignity to die for (and a damn fine voice) but McDonald is something else. Her physical conviction is mesmerising, her voice simply thrilling, and the whole deal resulted in her third Tony award. And she's only 26.

The afternoon I saw it the show won a standing ovation but that, alas, means precisely nothing except "applause time". No longer the physical expression of true joy, catharsis or plain gratitude at outstanding work, Broadway standing ovations are now completely automatic: the curtain



Alan Arkin has written a dark fantasy in Power Plays

comes down, the audience stands up. It's that simple, and that meaningless. Why? We're back with scale. And cost. Americans arriving in dollar-de-

vouring London practically burst with glee when faced with London ticket prices. Brits, meanwhile, stand open-mouthed when faced with a \$40 minimum for a Broadway show Bear-West End. most Broadway houses resemble aircraft-bangers with added chandeliers, you won't want the cheap seats so you stump up for top whack, which turns out to be \$75. That's £50

It's tough on tourists. Imagine you've shelled out for a little old-fashioned spacious elegance by choosing the newly-restored Warwick hotel You're in walking distance of Broadway but can you afford to see anything? And what percentage of New York's indigenous population can afford this outlay? For those who can, the amount involved has a peculiar knock-on effect. If punters have paid matic climaxes. Londoners will see \$150 for a pair of seats (plus transport

and a sitter for the children) God forbid they might miss something or don't empoy themselves. Consequently, nervous producers go for the big sell. Subtlety and understatement vanish beneath the need to underline gags or drive home sentiment.

On the other side of the footlights, audiences want value for money Consequently they are determined to prove to themselves that their money has been spent wisely. This accounts for the - to British ears - extraordinary amount of mutterings of approval at key points which suggests the acceptance of dramatic spoonfeeding and/or an appreciation of the hudget, as opposed to being drawn in to the drama. Hence the ovation phenomenon.

There was plenty of leaping out of seats at the end of Twelfth Night at Lincoln Centre. Were I a design correspondent, I too would have been on my feet. Bob Crowley has heeded Feste's song 'And the rain it raineth every day". He's developed his glo-rious rain-soaked set for the disgracefully underrated The Prince's Play at the National, relocated it to India, built vanishing-vista walkways over exquisitely lit pools, saturated it luminous blues and silken purples and created one of the most ravishing sets Pve ever seen. Director Nicholas Hytner is out to

enchant and the rhythm and tone of his production are all of a piece but few of his starry actors can meet it. The best performances are Brian Murray's boisterously characterised Toby Belch and Max Wright's dishevelled dandy of an Aguecheek, but nearly everyone else plays one note throughout, Bizarrely, as Viola, Helen Hunt's sincerity (so powerful in the otherwise bogus As Good As It Gets) is her downfall. It comes across as earnest, and her almost uninflected delivery robs the text of light and shade, while Kyra Sedgwick plays Olivia's entire journey within a single scene leaving her with nothing to do but overplay her hand.

At first sight, A New Brain at Linit too might be a case of overstatement. What chance an autobiographical musical about a composer struck down with a brain tumour? In fact William Finn's intimate show succeeds through its unexpected comic tone and smart line in bathos. A little of that would have done wonders for Bob Fosse's half-brilliant, half horribly portentous All That Jazz which followed a similar path detailing Fosse's own heart attack.

Graciela Daniele's crisp direction and choreography makes up for her unleavened musical staging in Ragtime and the classily performed show has rare and genuine charm. Finn's genial score bounces through doo-



Kyra Sedgwick and Rick Steen make a splash in Twelfth Night in New York

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wop and Motown to late-night piano have inherited their parent's gifts. It -yes, that Mike Nichols, the film didisplaying a flowing instinct for wordsetting and frames thoughts about life and death, art and love with aplomb.

It ain't Dostoevsky, but that's good news, at least for Miss Riverton, who thinks he's the same guy as Stalin when confronted by her boss in the first of the delicious trilogy which is Power Plays. Two of these are written by Elaine May and the third is by Alan Arkin. Both writers also appear in them alongside their offspring -May's daughter Jeannie Berlin and made her name improvising comic Arkin's son Anthony - both of whom masterpieces alongside Mike Nichols

sounds horribly incestuous but in fact it's a feast of comic writing with blissful performances all round. If Arkin's play - a dark, increasingly surreal fantasy about two working men - had the name David Mamet on it everyone would pay it serious attention. As it is, this hit production shows no sign of flagging, if only be-

cause of May's return to Broadway. Long before Eddie Izzard was even born (1960 to be precise) she

rector of everything from Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? to Prima-7y Colors, which he and May co-wrote. Watching all four in the helplessly funny dental farce at the close of the evening proves that if size is important. I'll have it small and perfectly formed, thank you.

Ragtime', Ford Centre for the Performing Arts (001-212-307 4450); 'Twelfih Night' & 'A New Brain'. Lincoln Centre (001-212-239 6200): 'Power Plays', (001-212-580 1313)

Two bitter boys

THEATRE NO WAY TO TREAT & LADY ARTS THEATRE, LONDON

NO WAY to Treat o Lady is not so much a "boy meets girl" story as a "mother's boy meets mother's boy" one. Based on the same oovel that gave rise to the hilarious 1967 Rod Steiger movie. Douglas J Cohen's nifty off-Broadway musical focuses on two very different New York guys with extremely complementary fixations at least one of whom winds up with alter ego over his face.

Played with campily butch flamboyance by Tim Flavin, Kit Gill is the son of a recently deceased great actress whose scorn for his talents continues to bount him. Linable to appease her ghost on the legitimate stage, he turns into a multiple strangler who specialises in devious impersonation and who thirsts to hit the headlines.

With this in mind, he makes a telephone confidant of reluctant, upright, Morris Brununeli (Paul Bown), the detective put his case, Having the kind of relentless Jewish mother (Joan Savage) who would make Chinese water torture seem like hydro-therapy c''l have a feeling you don't refrigerate your perishables, Morris" she kvetchest. Morris knows all about the craving for emancipation and recognition.

Proficient rather than inspired. Cohen's score lends Kit comically bad-taste music to murder by (a la Sweeney Todd) - from the maudlin Irish lilt ("Only a Heart Beat Away") in the scene where, posing as a priest, he gives a widow tea, sympathy and a throttling, to the clash of Latin tempos and temperaments when he poses as a dance instructor and has to battle against the animal vigour of Carmella Tocci.

The show is also a hit sub-Sonheimian in its nagging melodies and jabbing rhyme schemes and the way it dramatises that sense of entitlement in Americans that is found both in the defiant, high-stepping self-assertion of the American musical and in the criminal aggression of thwarted no-hopers.

Neil Marcus's production needs more edge and the multi-purpose set of shiny panels is ugly. The cast, though, are attractively game, especially Donna McKechnle, wbo has a convulsive, vividly enjoyable identity crisis as a gallery of female cameos. On the whole, No Woy to Treat A Lady is a pretty pleasurable way of treating an audience.

No Woy To Treat A Lady'. Arts Theatre (0171 836 2132). A version of this review oppeared in some editions of yesterdoy's paper.

PAUL TAYLOR

Class warfare of a man on the make

USUALLY IT'S easy enough to shrug off jibes about the Fringe, to rebuff those pitying looks suggesting that anyone regularly venturing into the primitive world of pub theatre must be more masochist than aesthete. But there are times when the sceptics seem to have the upper hand. How on earth do you justify a night out that involves sitting in a chair fixed at a right angle to the action, straining to watch the adaptation of a novel set in 1947 that was written in 1957, made into a film a year later and subsequently rehashed as a Seventies TV series? Staging John Braine's Room

at the Top this late in the century isn't necessarily an exercise in cultural necrophilia, however deadly the seating arrangement of the King's Head, The taboos confronted by Braine's sexually adventurous central character, Joe Lampton, as he tries to break through the class barrier may seem remote but they are not out of sight.

The 25-year-old town-hall accountant risks antagonising the denizens of Warley, Yorkshire for trying to "run two women at once": Alice Aisgill, a married actress 10 years his senior, and Susan Brown, the daughter of the town's most prominent industrialist. Dalliances of this nature may be unlikely to earn overt disapproval nowadays, but it would be complacent to imagine that that tut-tutting mentality does

not still persist. Above all, Lampton himself speaks beyond the post-war

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years: he is the archetypal man on the make, who puts material advantage before true romance and has to live with the consequences. That he is a rather obvious actor is underlined by the fact that he meets his lovers through the local dramatic society. However, rather like some-

thing put on by the Warley Thespians, Roy Marsden's production of Andrew Taylor's episodic version lacks the vim to bring out the dramatic conflict that sustains this story's relevance. Above all, it lacks sexual chemistry, a vital factor in persuading us that Joe Lampton is driven as much by redeeming, if transgressive, desire as he is by plain greed - and that he is ultimately riven by denied emotion. This is not entirely the fault of the cast: Simon Lenagan lends the lady-magnet Joe a rough inscrutability and Tara Moran's Susan is a suitably doe-eyed innocent thirsty for experience. In these explicit times, it is hard to locate an authentically risque level of suggestiveness (Joe's sauciest proposition is, sadly, a feel of his "fine piece of china"), But Marsden has opted for a too-cautious hedonism - there simply is not enough illicit thrill to bear the clichéd burden of exchanges such as "You beautiful uncom-

just a crazy, mixed-up kid."

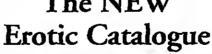
That said, in some areas the play doesn't compare too unfavourably to the film, which starred Simone Signoret and Laurence Harvey, particularly the accents (not nearly as RP) And though the King's Head stage can offer only a grimy backdrop rather than grim exterior shots, a sense of dowdy community is ably suggested by the ancillary characters, particularly Jonathon Sims' cad-dish Jack, and Raymond Sawyer's bureaucrat, Mr Hovlake. "This is a bit like Chekhov, sitting round the samovar, talking about life," the latter confides to Joe. Well, not quite.

There is a lot of standing around, listening, in Forhole, a first play by Dominic Wallis, although in its setting - a godforsaken NY bar - and its predilection for long monologues, it is more reminiscent of The Iceman Cometh than of Uncle Vanya. Possibly the longest establishing scene in history - an interminable audit by the manic bartender Leo (Mark Benson) - gives way to a ho-hum comedy in which malcontents whine away, heedless of water flooding the basement and imperiling their lives. The cast impressively run the gamut of barfly reactions and loan the dialogue comic credibility. A kind of sitcom in search of gags - "Checriess" if you will it none the less marks Scooting Owl theatre company as one

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How to give your bad landlord a nasty shock

Leaseholders now have a way to get justice from unscrupulous owners. By

Karen Woolfson

rom next Tuesday leaseholders who were excluded from having their service charge disputes beard in a Leasehold Valuation Tribunal (LVT), because the court proceedings began before I September 1997, will be given the right to transfer their case.

Many leasebolders are already preparing their applications, including one flat-owner who lives in a block in south-west London, He is in dispute with his landlord over an alleged sum of £140,000 spectoo building works, for which full sunporting evideoce has not been provided. His share of the total hill is around £4,000.

LVTs are the least costly, and arguably most effective, way to handle disputes over service charges, extension of the lease, unsatisfactory insurance provided by the landlord, securing the appointmeot of a new manager due to current bad practice, and collectively huying the freehold.

This was the hope wheo LVTs were introduced in September last year, because of their specific focus and therefore assumed expertise on leasehold issues. Each party also bears their own expenses in an LVT so flat-owners can avoid the risk of high court costs. However, the unfolding picture tells a more chequered story.

Stella Evans, head of the Coalition of the Abolition of Residential Leaseholds (Carl), was one of the first to put in an application to a Leasehold Valuation Tribunal. She is the victim of two landlords, Mr Gary Mills and Mr Nicholas Hyam, who were jailed for their ex-oloitation of leaseholders. They property through Vale Managecontrolled the freeholds of blocks on ment. Mr Mills has since resigned. the south coast, many of which were The management of Rubypoint was sold without giving flat-owners the

right of first refusal They were found guilty of supplycharge accounts, forging huilding estimates from a bogus huilding company, and theft of maintenance months in prison. Detective Peter tain a hold on her block.



LVIs will give tenants more power to tackle landlords from hell, epitomised by Leonard Rossiter's portrayal of Rigsby in 'Rising Damp'

Savage, the officer in charge of this case, has been in the fraud squad for many years, but has seldom seen a case that tested his resourcefulness to such a degree.

Although Ms Evans's landlords were convicted, they still owned the freehold company Rubypoint, owners of her block of flats and many others around Littlehampton, Worthing and Brighton. They were a contract with the new managing taken over by Mrs Helen Hyam wheo her husband Nicholas went to prison, and a husiness associate, ing false information oo service Mr Tony Maio. They cootinue to appoint Vale Management, whose letterheads suggest they run this too, and it remains responsible for mooey. Mr Hyam was sentenced to Ms Evans's block. So the landlord four years and Mr Mills to 10 was jailed, but continued to main-

appoint herself, and others in the block, as managers of their property, in place of the current landlord company. She won the case a few days ago and the LVT ordered Robypoint to hand over documents and tenants' money totalling thousands of pounds. However, the LVT ruled that Rubypoint must agree to enter

agents before it can be enforced.

thing Ms Evans has been working

towards. Rubypoint continues to

Ms Evans says: "It all seems pointless. We had to wait a whole year before LVTs got under way after the 1996 Housing Act was introduced, and we're no further on. We've got to enter into a contract with associates of the people who swindled us. The tribunal has mis-

Ms Evans applied to an LVT to application and Ruhypoint bas failed to hand over the information to date.

- MIDWEEK MONEY—

The Leasehold Advisory Service says the manager is not required to seek or accept instruction from the landlord or the tenants. The landlord, once the manager is appointed, should cease to have any management cootrol over the huilding and must provide all oecessary documentation, accounts and other tion to the nev

Ms Evans is going back to the drawing board: "I can only hope that this case will highlight the flaws in the system," she says. "The fact that someone has fled to you, obtained mooey from you fraudulently, and yet can leave their associates in control, is utterly ludicrous."

LVTs need to become more familiar with the issues in dispute, so that misunderstandings do not

powers, making it just as serious an offence to be in contempt of an LVT as it is of court.

FIVE USEFUL STEPS ■ To transfer a case to an LVT, ask your local court for a "notice of application"

■ To apply to an LVT, ask your local council or the Leasehold Advisory Service for an application form. ■ Remember, local authorities have the power to prosecute landlords. factual letters to the head of professional cooduct at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Associatioo of Residential Managing Agents and Companies House. Cootact a solicitor.

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Wise to be wary of an oik

"OIKS", PAUL repeated, "what should I do, vote in favour or

He was talking about the 86page proposal which an investment company bad sent him about what appeared to be a new type of investment called open-ended investment companies (Oeics). It says that converting existing unit trusts into Ocics will make investments that much easier to understand. I reminded Paul that nooe of us should expect a company promoting an idea not to put a positive spin on it.

The long and the short of Oeics is that investors are generally not better off by the cooversion proposals, but the companies promoting them are hardly likely to accede to such a notion. The good oews I added was that nor were investors materially worse off.

"OK", said Paul, "why are they wanting to convert some of their unit trusts into Oeics?" There are three primary reasons. The first is that European investors do not understand what is very much an Anglo Saxon structure to investment companies. It is easier therefore to accede to the European structure than retain two different systems if unit trust managers want to expand into Europe. Clearly an ecocomy of scale should also result in a reductioo in management charges, hut this is theory - inevitably companies will ensure that there is the capacity to increase those fees.

Secondly some companies have not been slow to see the opportunity to do some nvestment fund spring cleaning, such that a number of unit trust funds will be merged or converted (as it is officially known) into other funds, "Hang on." said Paul. "Does this mean my new holding could have different investment goals than the unit trust it once was?" "Certainly." I replied, "hut if you are not happy with the fund your money will be converted into. you can always choose one that is more acceptable to you." "How nice," he replied

unconvincingly. The third reason is flexibility. type of investor the investment institution happens to be dealing with. The jargon is differential pricing, but to the likes of you and I it merely means that companies can price the shares (they will no longer be referred to as unit trusts) differently, and obviously at a lower price to the institutions than to private investors.

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Single pricing and the benefit it brings are reminiscent of the emperor's new clothes

"Well so far so good", said Paul, "but I don't see how this really benefits me and you haven't meotioned single pricing, which the proposal documents says is the principle benefit for me." Perhaps that's because single pricing and the beoefit it brings are in my opinion more reminisceot of the emperor's clothes. This is because most investors, quite naturally, do not understand the complex issues surrounding charges, but those companies involved in moving to Oeics are hoping that if you tell people often enough that this is the primary benefit, they might believe it.

The best way to get your thoughts around the issue of costs is to look at the information supplied in the key features document which spells everything out in pounds and pence so to speak. It seems to have escaped most industry commentators' attention that even though the current pricing structure has been with us for more than 30 years consumers find it still a hit of a . uggle.

This begs the our on why on earth they should re to the new structure any easier than the old one. Clearly it renains to be seen. "Ah ha, I've got you there." said Paul. "The new structure means you huy at one price and sell at one price, so bid/offer spread stuff." If only it were true, I smiled. Under the new system you have to remember to add the initial charge to that single price because of the costs of dealing in the shares, stamp duty and of course commissions. I grant you that this initial charge is no longer called a bid/offer spread. but it has a similar purpose.

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A home abroad without hassle

A foreign property is a dream for many people. Before you buy, read this advice. By Clifford German

IT DOESN'T seem so long ago that we took it for granted global warming was changing the British climate into a fair imitation of Gascony (if not quite Tuscany) and that all we had to do was buy a cottage in the country and wait for the grapes to grow.

Now that normal service has been resumed and the reservoirs are brimming full in August once again, dreams of owning a property abroad are being takeo out and dusted down. But "don't be fooled into thinking that buying prop-erty abroad is a simple procedure," warns Andrew Snowdon, head of the ioternational tax department at cbartered accountants Kidsons Impey who have produced a 10-point check list to

consider before you huy: UK income tax and should be

2. If the property is your principal private resideoce there is no liability to income tax or capital gains tax, provided you have never let it out for rent 3. If you decide to resell in fu-

ture, you may be liable for CGT

oo any profit.

1. If you are a UK resident any rental income from property abroad will be subject to

disclosed on your tax return.

has to be managed and controlled outside the UK to escape UK corporation tax. 9. If you borrow to huy the

reotal income

property you could get tax relief on interest to offset reotal income, hut you may have to deduct UK withholding tax from interest paid to overseas lenders.

4. The property could well

form part of your estate when

you die and if it takes you over the current threshold of

£223,000 it will be taxed at 40p

and capital gains taxes apply.
6. Local inheritance laws

may work differently to the

UK. Consider making a sepa-

rate will in the country in ques-

tion, but do take professiona

advice to ensure that one will

7. You could put the owner-

ship in trust with the title resting outside the UK or even in

a third country. But many countries reserve the right to tax for-

eign-owned properties, and

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apply to dividends but not to

8. You could set up a com-

pany to huy the property but it

does not revoke the other.

5. Find out what local income

in the pound.

10. Don't be discouraged. hut if in doubt, take profes-

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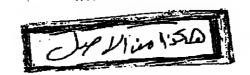
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When insurance can be child's play

They may have left home, but you can still provide protection for your children's activities through your own policies. By Rachel Fixsen

DISASTERS CAN happen whether you've paid your insurance premiums or not, But, financially at least, insurance can save you from the worst consequences of catastrophes. And while you are still supporting children, their mishaps could be yours, too.

Do they need to be covered by your insurance? Whether you take out private medical insurance often depends on your politics. But if you do opt for PML adding children to the policy is often only a minor extra expense. Children are far less likely to require costly medical attention than adults, so premiums are only a fraction of adult rates. "You can sometimes automatically have your the level of cover they provide. Sochildren included, which can be called deluxe plans include dental, useful if it is at no extra cost," says optical, maternity and alternative However, if it is free to include chil- not cover out-patient care.

dren, you should look closely at the policy and compare it with its competitors to see if this "perk" is actu-

ally built into the prices, she says. More than 6 million people in the UK now have PMI, according to figures from the Association of British Insurers. Tales of waiting lists and a lack of confidence in the NHS have boosted interest in private cover. Most PMI policies are sold as job perks; BUPA says 60 per cent of those covered by its medical insurance are on company schemes. It is often possible to upgrade this cover to include your children, even if your employer does not pay for family insurance.

PMI policies vary enormously in

When your children learn to drive, choosing how to insure them can make a vast difference to premiums. If they are still at the stage where they simply drive your car occasionally, you can insure them on your existing policy. But if they have their own cars, they have to be insured

separately, and the cost can be huge.

Flying the nest for the first time, students' possessions are sometimes covered under their parents' home contents insurance. This is only the case if the student regularly comes home during vacations, as an insurer would view this as temporary removal of household contents.

However, if the student stayed away on a more permanent basis in a rented flat, for example, he or she efits are diminishing as the role of may have to take out a separate coninsurance policy. "If they are

mally be part of a lease agreement that they have their own tenants' insurance," says Philippa Gee.

One thing to remember about insurance is that providers play on our fears to sell it. "If you took every type of insurance available, you'd have absolutely no money left at all," says Philip Telford of the Consumers' Association. When deciding what type of insurance you need, check what cover you already have and work down a list of priorities, he says.

Dental insurance, for example might be low down on the list. "Is it a hig disaster if you have to pay for a couple of fillings? Not as much of a disaster as not being able to work a few months," he says. State benthe state retreats, but you have to be careful not to get sucked into buyliving away from home it will nor- ing every type of insurance.

Put the squeeze on your lender

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Afternatively, you could switch to another lender altogether, Switching can cost a lot in terms of legal and valuation fees, and any early repayment penalties chargen by your existing lender, tespecially if your current scheme is at a fixed rate or erriovs a discount) so make sure you understand all the costs involved before considering such a move.

2. What benefits do I get from asking for a better deal being an existing customer? Many lenders and, to be fair, most financial services companies, have been slower than organisations such as supermarkets in recognising the value of existing customers. Embarrass them by asking for a better deal. If they are as customer-focused as they claim, such programmes will become more popular and existing

3. Can I borrow more in the fu-

customers should benefit.

ture? You may not want a bigger mortgage now but in the future money for a home extension, school fees or even buying a luxury item such as a boat, can often be cheaper by adding to your mortgage rather than through a separate loan.

Some lenders even build in automatic further advance options to their mortgages, but remember that your home is at risk if you cannot afford the repayments.

4. Can I get cheaper household lender will not help. insurance?

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you may be able to get cheaper cover elsewhere. Shop around to find the best deals and if your lender makes an administration charge if you switch insurers, ask the new insurer to pay it. Some, including Direct Line, will do so, but always ask,

5. What APR am I paying?

Lenders quote an annualised percentage rate (APR) to help consomers differentiate between various mortgage and loan rates. So, if your lender charges a higher property val-uation fee, their effective rate of interest is also higher. A good idea in practice, the APR is both complex and, for many borrowers, meaningless. Instead, look at what you would

Many lenders have been slow to recognise the value of customers. Embarrass them by

actually pay up front and each month. You may find that the APR quoted in the adverts does not reflect which

lender will be cheapest. 6. What is your track record on interest rates?

Unless your lender has recently changed ownership, their track record may give a good indication as to future likely competitiveness. Watch out for lenders who are slow to cut but quick to raise their rates.

7. Do you subscribe to The Mort-

The Mortgage Code is a voluntary code of practice put together by the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) and the Mortgage Code Register of Intermediaries. You can get a copy from the CML on 0171-440 2255. The code lays down agreed practices and standards. If you have a complaint, it tells you what to do about it if your

Many people automatically insure 8. Will my endowment policy still Andy Couchman is the publishing

to their mortgage lender and take out an endowment life policy to pay back the capital at the end of the mortgage. Declining with-profit honus rates in recent years may mean that some policies could show a shortfall on maturity. If your lender cannot answer this question, your insurer should be able to.

If there may be a shortfall, it could make sense to pay more now each month rather than bave an unwanted lump sum to pay off later.

9. Can I switch mortgage repay ment metbod?

Even if you have an endowment pol icy that may fall short, do not stop Most policies have high initial charges, which fall away leaving lower annual charges. Make no change without getting professional advice first but, if you can afford it, consider switching to a repayment mortgage now, so you start to pay off some capital each month, but still keep your endowment going. When it matures you should not only have enough to pay off the remaining mortgage but a nice cash sum, too,

10. What if I run into fluancial difficulties?

If the feared economic downturn comes about, or you lose your job, split up with a partner or become ill or disabled, your mortgage payments could be under threat. As soon as that looks likely contact your mortgage lender immediately: Some are more sympathetic than others but most will genuinely try to help. They can set out all the options. Talk to your financial adviser, too. The worst thing you can do is to say nothing in the hope that things will get better. Chances are, they won't.

If you want additional protection now, mortgage payment protection may be the answer. This pays your mortgage for up to a year if you become unemployed, or long-term ill or disabled. It typically costs around £7 a month per £100 of mortgage payment protected and can be taken out with your mortgage or added later. Shop around to get the best deal.

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Ernie pays out millions

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has boosted premium-bond sales. By

Clifford German

monthly millionaire this week, which is well short of the 300 or so people who have become millionaires through the National Lottery But raising the maximum prize in the monthly premium bond draw to the magic million back in April 1994 has helped Ernie compete with Camelot and helped premium bonds become one of the main contributors to National Savings.

The latest Ernie millionaire lives in South Yorkshire, and won the prize with a £500 bond bought back in April 1995. Yorkshire has now provided four winners. but Surrey is still the most successful location, with eight winners. Greater London has won only seven times, (including two in Lambeth, two in Brant, and one in Westminster), ahead of Lancashire, Essex, Wales and the West Midlands, with three winners each. Scotland has produced two winners, as have Kent, Devon, Gloucestershire and County Antrim in Northern Ireland.

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increasingly attracbodies raising money through the Private Finance Initiative. But with the integration of Europe's capital markets, there is increasing competition for finance to modernise all of the Continent's ailing public infrastructure, with other governments copying the PFI.

Last month's £91m financing of Greenwich hospital, using 30-year bonds, is just one of several similar deals. Interest rates on the Greenwich project have been held down partly by inflation-linking interest rates. and by a letter of support from the Health Minister Frank Dobson, which has made clear that the Government would not walk away from future problems, even though it does strictly represent a financial guarantee. Seven other recent PFI agreements have involved bond issues, including a Carrisle hospital, the M6 extension in Scotland, and a local authority's waste-to-energy incineration plant.

The emerging view is that while bonds are important to the PFI, they are generally less suitable than bank-hrokered loans. "The PFI unit in the NHS is pushing consideration of the bond market, because the term is longer, the pricing is finer, and so the deals are more affordahle," suggests Nick Salisbury, director of Barclays Bank's PFI unit. Despite the terms and price advantage of honds, Mr Salisbury argues that the flexibility offered by bank loans makes them generally a better deal. "If the specification changes, then you may have to go back to your bond investors as soon as you have signed," he warns,

This view is endorsed by Jeff Thornton, head of public sector finance at the Royal Bank of Scotland. "We have seen a slow hut steady development of the technology in PFI bonds," he says. "But, because the debt market has responded to the bond market, and offers a more flexible structure and length, we are now in a position where each project can look at either debt or bonds, whichever is best for their project. There is no hard-and-fast rule that deht or bond will always be better. Bonds doo't look appropriate, for example, for schools, where they will be drawing small amounts over an extended period of time."

Bonds may, however, be a way of attracting pension funds into PFI investment. Will Hay head of bonds at that the Government's reduced borrowing requirement means that institutions are looking to replace gilts with new bond issues. "PFI deals will take up the slack, as the Government's finances are so strong," he says. "There is not much in the way of gilt issues coming in the next year, so there will be some demand for bonds, and the PFI will go some way to satisfy that. There are a lot of potential PFI deals out there, maybe as much as £20bn. We will continue to ask, does the yield justify the risk?"



Privatisations throughout Europe may increase the Continent's shareholder culture

Standard Life, remains cautious sociation of Pension Funds, says that do, it is as well to go to a bank to sort a greater emphasis in central Eur- pean capital markets are moving governments won't be able to afford about investing in PFI bonds, but says smaller funds will probably invest out, which they will be able to do. ope on share-buying, he believes. together, to choose particular in- to finance projects themselves beonly through a PFI venture fund, rather than as direct investors, as the risk attached to PFI deals is still considered too great.

Innisfree operates the main venture capital fund investing in PFI deals, on behalf of its clients Norwich Union, Australian Mutual Provident and Hermes' BT pension fund. It has already taken up several hond issues, hut says that high risk projects may be best suited to loans arranged by the banks. "Things will go wrong with some of these

The bond holders are distant institutions which will find it difficult to deal with problems as they arise on very long term projects."

Changes in the European capital market could be an important factor for future PFI bond issues. David Gould suggests that uncertainty over the euro will eocourage managers of larger, mature funds to reduce their shareholdings, to be replaced by bond investments. Will Hay of Standard Life, though, beThis will help to reverse the traditional approach in Germany, in particular, where corporate financing has mostly been achieved by bonds rather than hy share issues. The London Stock Exchange points out that privatisation issues in Germany are also helping to develop a wider share culture there.

Jeff Thornton, of the Royal Bank of Scotland, points out that British corporations now, conversely, are beginning to copy German practice, lieves that the opposite may happen relying on bonds for new capital,

David Gould, manager of investment services with the National Asthe Medical Property of Innisfree. "When they huild up pension funds, there will be dicates, he believes, that the Euro-to get going in many places, because vestment routes on merit.

Robert Rees, a director of Barclays Capital, which put together the Greenwich bonds issue, believes that we can look at the European capital markets as becoming more integrated. "With the approach of the euro, people are looking further afield," he says. "There are new opportunities elsewhere in Europe for projects financed through the capital markets. The PFI is largely UK, but Portugal is taking it up, and so are Finland, Sweden and eastern

cause of the heavy strictures on borrowing from the Central European Bank. That will have some effect. and then all the central European institutions will get involved."

This change will offer, he believes, some strong opportunities for British PFI experts to sell their expertise in new markets.

The bad news for the PFI in the UK, then, is that while the number of potential investors is rising, the competition for the available funds

Britain's new silicon valley

Oxford now rivals Cambridge for new technology

OXFORDSHIRE - WITH Oxford University to the fore - is emerging as one of Britain's fastest growing high-technology regions, according to research from academics at Cambridge and Coventry Universities.

The study shows that Oxfordshire has about 26,400 people employed in 730 hi-tech companies. This compares with 30,000 employees in 1,000 husinesses in Cambridgeshire, often regarded as Britain's answer to Silicon Valley in California.

The findings come as Isis Innovation, the university's technology transfer company. launches its latest spin off, MicroGenics. This company - the third to be spun out of the university since March 1998 - will develop screens for antibiotics to deal with the problem of resistance in infections

As well as launching companies like MicroGenics and its predecessors, Oxford Asymmetry, Oxford Biosciences (now PowderJect Pharmaceuticals), Oxford Biomedica and Oxford Molecular. Isis Innovation has helped scientists to protect their intellectual property rights and assess their potential for commercial development.

The establishment of the Oxford Science Park three years later attracted to the city the research laboratories of such companies as Sharp and Yamanouchi and the US chemicals company Dow Elanco.

Isis Innovation has also recently launched a programme to maximise the commercial potential of Oxford science. The university will provide an annual grant of £300,000 for five years to cover the expected cost of patents and a development fund of £1m.

Meanwhile, research by Professional Personnel Consultants shows that pay is continuing to rise well above the norm. Hardware and software engineers have seen rises of nearly 7 per cent per annum, information technology specialists by about 10 per cent. Peter Moon, managing director of Professional Personnel, said: "Even with a significant cooling of the economy. it is probable that the present demands will continue well beyond the year 2000."

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Pennies from heaven...

Banks and venture capital companies are OK. But entrepreneurs in need of money should check out the angels. By Karl Moore

the economy – the business angel sector

SMALL VENTURES are playing an increasingly important role in the UK economy. Research suggests that between 1982 and 1991 firms with less than 20 employees created nearly two and a half million jobs. whereas larger firms actually reduced their number of jobs by a quar-ter of a million during that period. David Storey, of Warwick University's Business School, con-

tends that, over the course of a decade. I per cent of the businesses which start up will end up producing 50 per cent of the jobs created.

A critical issue for these vibrant young firms is finding funding. Once entrepreneurs have exceeded the limit of their own supplies of funds including those of family and friends), there are three principal external sources of funding available: formal sources such as banks; venture capital companies; and informal investors, often referred to as husi-

Of these sources, banks and venture capital companies have moved away from providing external finance to entrepreneurs. Most successful start-up ventures find their funds in an area of the economy which is less well known, the husiness angel sector.

It is important for entrepreneurs to understand the six basic types of husiness angel because they constitute the most attractive source of funds and critical management help for most entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneur angels: they are the

resent a particularly appealing

Key points: entrepreneur angels are individuals whn make frequent. large-scale investments in new and growing ventures - they are active and ready to go ahead if you can convince them of the potential of your venture; they are considerably wealthier than other individual angel types; they have been more entre-

mal investors and as a result rep- most individual angel investors; they invest predominantly for fi-

> Income-seeking angels: active individual investors who have made over the past three years. Key points: income-seeking angels are well off hut they are not as wealthy as the other angel types;

they make their investments both for

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Most successful start-up ventures find their funds in a less well-known area of

preneurial in their own husiness ca- and/or income for themselves. reers; though they invest principally for financial gain these angels are also attracted by the fun and satisfaction of making informal investments, and they often interact a great deal with the founders/managers of the organisations they invest in, making them an excellent source of inexpensive management consulting advice.

Corporate angels: these are companies which make angel-type in-

Key points: corporate angels have corporate resources at their disposal: research shows that they in-

Latent Angels: they are inactive angels who have made one or more informal investments in the past but who have remained inactive for at least the past three years. Key points: latent angels are ex-

tremely wealthy, self-made private individuals, who have substantial funds available to invest and who are now interested in making informal investments; of all the angel types, latent angels are the most concerned with venture location; they cite the lack of suitable locally based proposals as having restricted their investment activity.

most active and experienced infor-vest greater levels of funds than Virgin angels: they are that group of inactive investors who have not yet made an investment in an unquoted venture. Existing American and British research suggests that there are many more virgin angels than active angels.

Key points: virgin angels are private individuals who are looking to provide finance to new or growing husinesses, with a view to creating a job or a regular income for themselves and to earn higher returns than those that are available oo the stock market; virgin angels are not as wealthy as active husiness angels and have less funds available to invest; they do not cite this tack of funds as restricting their investment activity, but instead virgin angels point to an absence of suitable inrestment proposals.

Wealth-maximising angels: this group of active angel investors comprises wealthy private individuals who have made several investments in new and growing ventures. Key point: wealth-maximising angels tend, not surprisingly, to be very wealthy though, without being quite as rich as Entrepreneur Angels, they

financial gain. Dr Moore is a fellow in strategy at Templeton College, Oxford University. He and Patrick Coveney are co-authors of Business Angels: Securing Start-up Finance', which is published by John Wiley & Sons

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These days, everybody's talking in huddles

ROY DIDN'T come back to the office for three days after the screen-smashing episode. No one knew where he was, though most us suspected it was somewhere with lax licensing laws. He certainly didn't show up at the Docklands flat he shares with Sam, who aged 10 years overnight with worry. Frantic calls to Mary, his wife ("but not for much longer") gave us no leads, either. So, as you can imagine, this

did little to lift the mood in our patch of the floor. "Brooding," Laura kept saying. Ominous. Poisonous. Foreboding." When I asked her what she was on about, she just said she was trying to find the perfect word to describe the atmosphere. "And have you noticed," she continued, "that people are suddenly all talking in huddles. Look around you. There's not a normal gathering in sight."

Even Jenny the Junior seemed unhappy, which is unusual because usually she just looks bored, as if she thinks everyone around her is mad or stupid. ("Well, she could be right, couldn't she?" says Laura, to which I say "No" hecause neither of us is stupid and I don't think we're mad. "Hmm," says Laura.) Anyway, when she came back from fetching our lunch-time sandwiches, she just handed them to us quietly: no sarcastic comments to Neil, no little quips for Laura and me. Not



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that it mattered; none of us had any appetite. The boys in Tokyo, who were working their usual insanely long hours, called in at this point to announce that they were going home. "Any word from Rory?" Jamie asked me, though he sounded as if he already knew what the answer would be. "Oh well," he replied when I told him. "Just another piece to add to the pile of gloomy information out here. Economy wobhling, IBJ downgraded and worst of all, I've got to take Mr

Kimoto and his colleagues out for dinner and drinks tonight." I had to sympathise, having met the man myself on my last trip out east. Not only does he have an insatiable thirst for whisky; his favourite karaoke song is "God Save the Queen". and I don't mean the national anthem. It doesn't bother Mr Kimoto, either, that the backing for the Sex Pistols' classic isn't

oo any karaoke machine in

Tokyo; he happily sings it with

Apparently, the last time he did it he was beaten up in the gents afterwards by two drunk, disgruntled English ex-pats. No wonder Jamie was nervous.

I put the phone down more depressed than ever. While I'd been talking to Jamie, several of the big honchos had been down to sniff around. I've never met any of them before, of course, but they looked so leased with themselves, they had to be senior management. I suddenly felt furious with Rory. "Why did he have to do this?" I asked Laura. "If he's having problems with the cheeses, he should stand up to them, not

hand them a loaded pistol." "Talk of the devil," is all Laura replied, and I turned round and there was Rory. "Hello, gang," he said. "What day is it?" As soon as we'd brought him up to date on that score, his secretary Gill rushed over and handed him a stack of messages and memos and he went off to his (now repaired) desk to hring himself up to dale on all the other scores as well. That left the rest of us to speculate about what he'd been up to, since we longed to ask

him but didn't dare. Suddenly Rory piped up, "Oh look, boys and girls, it seems I'm back just in time for the monthly strategy meeting. Wish me luck in staying awake. It'll be the most boring afternoon of my life." And off he went.

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But have you really considered what it might it be like, day-to-day, to work in a small, independent company employing a couple of dozen. as opposed to a global corporation, housed in fabulous offices and with a workforce numbering thousands?

According to Umist's latest Institute of Management survey, company size is a major influence on how happy you are in your job. Professor Cary Cooper, from Umist, believes small is beautiful.

"We found that people who work for small companies feel much more loyalty, motivation and, above all, job security," explains Cooper. "Big companies, such as ples and public sector organisations, tend to have much lower morale among their workers." In fact, claims the study, these perceptions contain more than a grain of truth: "Generally speaking, the smaller the organisation, the bigger your role as an individual, and the more you'd be missed if you were absent."

Julie Fisher, a freelance PA, agrees: "When I have worked in small businesses - especially family-run ones - I've found my daily tasks are more multi-skilled and I am therefore far more valuable. But working for companies that have several hundred employees, I have an intrinsic feeling of anonymity.

"Sometimes, it doesn't even seem to make much of a difference to my workload or to my colleagues if I am off sick, with the result that I have less motivation about what

I am doing when I am there." But what about opportunities for promotion and pay increases? Surely, the larger the business, the clearer the structure? Not so, claims Cooper. "Our research shows that in a company of fewer than 50 people, employers can see what their employees are delivering and reward them accordingly. In big companies, there may be yearly appraisals, but they are not neces-



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ill. It's an experience I'd never want to repeat. Here, however, there's an in-

house nurse, a visiting physiotherapist and a share option scheme - just to name a few of the support systems. If I have any worries about anything. I can make use of the relevant policies without which I think all employees are vulnerable.

I think the main problem of large businesses comes if you're not at the top. Because I am, I

go straight to the top."

get to see the goals and ambitions and whether they are achieved - but that isn't always the case in a large organisation.

SECRETARIAL

One of the main benefits is that you are less likely to deal with the nitty gritty. If I need a new PC, I call the IT department, whereas in a small company. I'd probably have to do the research myself. If I need to send the mail. I just drop it in the post room. That means I can get oo with what being a PA is all about.

sarily fair. In fact, we've found that can often prove yourself enough to Afro-Caribbean, I've had my fair share of racism in the workplace, and I have definitely noticed family-Even Cooper, however, is forced reward system. It's a case of If you to admit that larger companies run businesses let it happen more offer more in the way of opportunoften. You know, for instance, that ities for moving around geographif you work for the National Health System, or a multinational bank. ically, as well as more reasonable working hours. Discrimination is there are clear equal opportunity also less likely - something that systems in place and that means col-Sophia Lawrence, a secretarial leagues just can't get away with right abilities and enthusiasm, you temp, knows all too well. "Being

"But if all you can do is go to your manager's father - as the boss - to complain about him, you really haven't got much hope of getting anything done about it."

Dr Paul Taffinder, a chartered psychologist, agrees that size counts for a great deal, but he claims the issue is not always as simple it as it appears. "What is critical is the size of the group that one works in, rather than the overall size of the company. That's why many of the biggest companies in the world ensure that individual offices do not exceed certain numbers of staff."

Additionally, he claims, it is crucial to take into account individual personality types when assessing whether small is as beautiful as large: "I know people who have gone from big to small businesses and felt extremely uncomfortable. They like the safety and security of structure, just as they may do in their home or love life, and they just don't want that extra responsibility and control that some people can thrive on in a

"Also, there is much less pressure on getting involved in new projects in larger companies, and many people simply don't like change." The one element of working life that isn't influenced by size, agree

experts, is office politics. Neil Crawford, a psychotherapist and consultant to various organisations, explains: "Office politics is usually a result of competition between employees. People who may have been your friends may now be in direct competition with you, irrespective of how big the company is. That is the nature of all Nineties businesses

"And, because these feelings are deeply personal, the arguments also tend to be."

So, if there's one thing you can't predict next time you're deciding whether to go for that post in the City or for the local job in the high street, it is those endless rows about who should be answering that phone, who should get the most office space and whose turn it is to buy the sticky burs. This will just have to remain pot luck.

Tunnel at the end of the light

FINALLY THE interview suit can come out of the wardrobe for another wearing. I'm beginning to wonder if my policy of keeping the one piece of clothing in reserve is so wise; it may remain untainted by the ink and grime of the rat-race, but it's eginning to look a little dated, and it's not like I've got a great deal of wear out of it. Perhaps I should relegate it to workwear and start saving for another one.

Then again, this might be the break I've been waiting for: working as secretary in a team of four in the marketing and publicity department of a leading fiction publisher. If I keep my head down and my standards up, the only way is up. They'll see my value, my initiative. And this time, there's no way that they can turn me down for lack of experience: if there's one thing I can do, it's being a secretary

Everything seems to be going swimmingly. Margaret, fiftyish, motherly, black rimmed specs and a strange knit suit, and Rhiannon, late twenties, palazzo pants and satin shirt with Mao collar, have talked as though I've got half a brain cell, getting animated by my questions. We've talked about markets and authors and dump bins and jacket design: I've passed my typing test 15 words a minute

above the requirement Lucy, on the London leg of a publicity tour with a thriller writer, has dropped in to make okes about writers and their media savvy. "We did a slot on Norwich radio yesterday," she says. "And she forgot to mention the book at all."

I like them, and I think they like me. I allow myself to relax, start having small fantasies about local lunch haunts and meeting people who people talk about at dinner parties. I eye the empty desk by the attic window and start planning the azalea that's going to go on the windowsill.

And then Margaret says: Well, thank you for coming." "It's been a pleasure," I say, and start to stick my hand out when she continues: "The thing is, we've got something to say - and I'm afraid that



THE TEMP

you're not going to like it." Boom. Stomach hits knees. "Uh-huh?" I say, and my voice sounds very small, very distant. The thing is, you're too highly qualified. We were really thinking in terms of someone with A levels. You've got a degree, and you're bound to have ambitions above the job." "Well, of course I want to progress. But this job seems perfect. It would be so interesting. I'd learn all sorts of stuff." "The thing is," says Rhiannon, and her voice is gentle. "We don't want to start interviewing again in six months

because you've moved on." "No," I say, "No. I've been doing any work I could get for two years now, day in, day out. and I've never complained. Surely I've proved that I can be a decent secretary? Can't we... I can hear an edge of despair in my voice, "...agree that I'll continue to do this for a year, whatever? I really want this job." And Rhiannon shakes her head, though with a genuineenough look of apology. "You're bright. You should be aiming higher up." "I've tried that. I don't have enough experience. Everyone tells me to try further down." "Keep trying," says Margaret. "You'll get there in the end. Honestly."

We shake hands, and they see me to the door "Good luck." says Margaret. "I'm sorry;" says Rhiannon, "It's okay. Thank you for seeing me anyway." I say. I make my weary way down four flights of stairs, walk through the drizzle to a grand, tree-lined square and sit down on a bench. And, after all this time of keeping my chin up, I finally allow the tears to come.

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they might first have appeared.

MONK DAWSON (18)

Director: Tom Waller

party circuit.

PSYCHO (15)

that everything feels glib.

Director: Alfred Hitchcock

Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon

Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy

Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road,

Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

Starring: John Michie, Ben Taylor, Paula Hamilton

You can just about discern the honourable

intentions hiding within Monk Dawson. But far

better to enjoy the film for the botch-potch of

melodrama and sensationalism that it is, rather

close at hand in his parish. He succumbs, loses

his faith, becomes a journalist, and takes to the

basis for pertinent character studies before,

from I Confess to Lamb, but Monk Dawson's

director, Tom Waller, and writer, James Magraine,

let too many other ambitions clutter the film, so

I envy anyone who will get their first taste of

Psycho this week, when it begins a revival in a new

print. Imagine not being fluent in Hitchcock's

CW: Odeon Haymarket, Virgin Pulham Road

Starring: Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh

Eddie is a Catholic priest who finds temptation

The conflict of faith and fallibility has been the

than the searing social parable it longs to be.

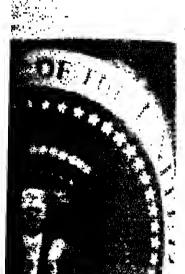
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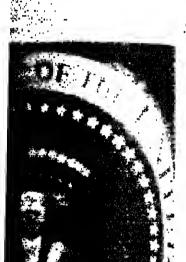
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GODZILLA (PG) The team which cooked up such blockbusters us Stargate and Independence Day is generally & Castle Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hemmersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Swiss Collage. Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, UCI

LA GRANDE ILLUSION (U) more in common with his courteous German prolecurian comrades. This is the tenderest of war movies. CW. Screen on the Hill

Threntieth-anniversary reissue of the nostalgic musical CW. Empire Leicester Square, Virgin Trocadero

Director-star Kitano picked up the Golden Lion HANA-BI (18) Filmhouse. Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Green

KURT & COURTNEY (15) Documentary investigating the death of Nirvano's Kurt Cobain and the conspiracy theories which emerged in the wake of the event. CW: ABC Piccadilly. Rio Cinema, Screen on Baker Street

NEW FILMS

DR DOLITTLE (PG) **Director:** Belty Thomas language of tricks, betrayals and booby-traps. Starring: Eddie Murphy, Oliver Platt, Ossie Davis Imagine not knowing whether Janet Leigh will flee The idea of Murphy functioning within the confines with the loot, or escape that menacing traffic cop, of a PG certificate may not be promising, but here he shows that his talents are more pliable than

or whether it will matter Imagine seeing the Bates Motel for the very first time. Even better, imagine hearing that name - "Norman Bates" - and it not Betty Thomas, a director with a deft comic touch, meaning anything at all: not yet. wastes no time dishing up what you have come to Of course, the wonder of Psycho is that you do see: a suicidal tiger; a sozzled monkey and a pigeon

not really have to imagine - it is all there which hopes one day to be mistaken for a bluejay. for you, each time you hear Bernard Herrmann's CW: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court jabbing, stabbing strings and catch your breath Road, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & in anticipation of what they promise. CW: Chelsea Cinema

Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon LOST IN SPACE (PG) Director: Tom Waller

Starring: William Hurt, Gary Oldman, Matt LeBlanc In 2058, environmental breakdown has conspired to place the planet in the cosmic coconut shy, but scientist Dr John Robinson (William Hurt) has formulated a nifty escape plan, proposing that mankind ups stumps to Alpha Prime. He and his family saddle up for the full 10-year trek there to pave the way. However, a stowaway terrorist (Gary Oldman) sabotages the expedition and

sends the Robinsons off course. Lost in Space is an expensive version of the eponymous cult 1960s television series, but the film-makers have remained faithful to the original tone. And the movie looks terrific. Every surface, from door panel to hull, is alluringly spongy; tabletops seem soft enough to sink your fingers into. Rubber, and rubber-effect, is very big: the plates of body armour look like they would protect you from sexually transmitted diseases but not much else; they are almost as alive as the people inside them, or, in the case of William Hurt, more so.

CW: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea

Ryan Gilbey

RELEASE GENERAL

BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE (U) Feature-length exploits for the dinosaur. Ideal for the more undemanding pre-school viewer, but an eodurance test for anyone else, CW: UCI

Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero

THE CASTLE (15)

When his family bome is threatened with demolition to make way for an airport, truck driver Darryl Kerrigan (Michael Caton) decides to fight back and stand up for his rights. File under

quirky Australian kitsch. CW: Barbican Screen, Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

DANCE OF THE WIND (U)

Indian television star Kitu Gidwani plays Pallavi, a singer of Hindustani classical music who dries up on stage following the death of her mother. A warm, subtle comedy starting John Hurt as a The delicate music and stately camerawork help—reclusive widower who becomes obsessed with build a hypootic atmosphere but they can't stop it from feeling like a short film dragged out beyond its natural length. CW: Renoir

THE DAYTRIPPERS (15)

Worried that her publisher husband (Stanley Tucci) may be having an affair, Eliza (Hope Davis) confides in ber parents, only to find that the family wants to accompany ber to confront hun. First-time writer-director Greg Mottola charts the tensions of the family car journey with wil and compassion. CW: Barbican Screen, Clopham Picture House, Curzon Mayfair, Odeon Cumden Town, Phoenix Cinema, Ritzy Cinema,

THE GINGERBREAD MAN (15)

The routine level of so much in The Gingerbread Man disappoints on every front. Odd fragments remind you that here we have a great director marking time. When Robert Duvall's buddies spring him from an asylum in a weird nocturnal dance of silver and purple, we glimpse the fugitive ghost of another, less formulaic sort of film. CW: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Notting Hill Coronet Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington. Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Warner Village West End

very adept at constructing enjoyable adventures with a B-movie taste for fun. Unfortunately in this tale of a giant lizard rampaging through the streets of New York, their light touch has deserted them. CW. ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court Road, Claphom Picture House, Elephont Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Whiteleys, Firgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road

Jean Renoir's 1937 classic has First World War prisoner of war Pierre Fresnay finding he has captor, Erich von Stroheim, than with his

GREASE (20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION) (PG)

at last year's Venice Film Festival with this violent yet elegiac portrait of a brutal Japanese policeman pushed over the edge by his transnatic personal life. CW: ABC Shoftesbury Avenue Gale Notting Hill, Metro, Richmond

LIFE IS ALL YOU GET (DAS LEBEN IST **EINE BAUSTELLE)** (18)

An original black comedy about a young, possibly HIV-positive Berlin butcher stumbling through what passes for a love life, CW, ABC Swiss Centre, Curzon Minema

THE LITTLE MERMAID (U)

After years of churning out sub-standard animated features, this sprightly adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story-rereleased for the summer holidays - began a string of hits for the newly rejuvenated Disney Studios. Pleasantly jazzy holiday fare. CW: Elephant & Castle Coronet, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Rio Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

LOVE AND DEATH ON LONG ISLAND (15) a young film actor (Jason Priestley). CW: Metro, Curzon Minema, Virgin Haymarket

MAD CITY (15)

Dustin Hoffman plays a reporter who chances upon a hostage situation in a museum, where John Travolta has produced a gun in an effort to get his job back. CW: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

THE MAGIC SWORD: QUEST FOR CAMELOT ((I)

The first full-length product of Warners' new animation division, this Arthurian adventure looks and sounds even cheesier than the average Disney effort. But beneath the surface there's an edge of genuine weirdness that will keep most parents entertained. CW: Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village

THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION (15) Paul Rudd confounds his flatmate Jennifer Aniston's dreams of wedding vows by being gay. CW: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Haymarket

PAULIE (1)

Once the muse of indie legend John Cassavetes. Gena Rowlands is now starring with a talking parrot - well, that's showbusiness. Voiced by Jay Mohr (best known over bere as Tom Cruise's backstabbing rival agent in Jerry Maguire), Paulie is a wisecracking bird who takes a wry look at buman foibles in this likeable kids' movie. CW: Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road. Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

SIX DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS (12)

Action man Harrison Ford here tries to reinvent himself as a romantic lead by playing a boozy pilot who crash-lands with a New York magazine editor (Anne Heche) on a remote island. The director, Ivan Reitman, has adopted an oldfashioned approach which stretches to implausible contrivances. With David Scwimmer. CW: Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Kensinaton, Odeon Morble Arch, Odeon Mezzonine, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero. Warner Village West End

THE THIEF (15)

In his investigation into the psyche of a six-yearold Russian boy in the aftermath of the Second World War, writer-director Pavel Chukhrai tries for the unforced poetry pioneered by Louis Maile. Unfortunately, he doesn't quite pull it off. The Thief is a familiar story, told with competence, but it is only the acting, performed with great passion, which makes this film special.

THE WEDDING SINGER (12)

A shamelessly dumb but very winning comedy which makes the most of its Eighties pastiches. A honelessly romantic wedding singer (Saturday Night Live's Adam Sandler) who falls in love with a waitress (Drew Barrymore), only to discover that she is already engaged to someone else. CW: Odeon Mezzanine, Warner Village West End

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS



Film Ryan Gilbey MIKE FIGGIS WAS Hollywood's whipping boy for a while, and perhaps his status as a maverick exile gave him the necessary freedom to make Leaving Las Vegas. Yet his next film, One Night Stand (left), didn't make as much of an impact, which is a pity since this meticulously crafted love story is just as remarkable. Wesley Snipes and Nastassia Kinski tumble into a brief affair, then go their separate ways, each

distracted by thoughts of the other. This

passion and generosity; mature cinema

is a picture informed by great wit.

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that hasn't forgotten how to take risks. Arts Centre, Coventry (01203 524524) today 6.30pm, tomorrow 9pm Those enchanted by Takeshi Kitano's excellent Hana-Bi should taste his earlier film, Sonatine, which also investigated the theme of men of violence searching for inner peace. A less accomplished work, certainly, but still one which is marked by its director's formal daring. ICA, London SW1 (0171-930 3647) 7pm, 9pm

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COME RAIN or shine, the National's five-star Oklahoma! production, directed by Trevor Nunn (right), offers the theatrical equivalent of a beautiful morning every night of the week. Rodgers and Hammerstein's groundbreaking 1943 musical about turn-ofthe-century frontier folk has so many decent times, you hardly notice the quantity of corn in the plot (boy takes on a deranged hired hand to win the heart of a girl), Stunningly designed by Anthony Ward, this is thigh-slapping, lasso-whirling, gun-toting, tobacco-chewing, barn-raising, hoe-downing cattle-herding fun. Olivier, Royal National Theatre. London SE1 (0171-452 3000) 7.15pm



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(right) finds himself on the platform of the Symphony Hall again today, but this time he is not wielding a baton. Instead, the maestro is in conversation with Edward Smith, talking about his last 1B years at the belm of the CBSO, and fielding questions both submitted in advance and from the floor. Symphony Hall, Birmingham (0121-212 33331 6.30pm

Literature Judith Palmer "IN WHAT WAY would it improve your life if there were, say, a movie star in the room?" enquires Connor Mcknight, journalist hero of Jay

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Bexievheath Barney's Great Adventure 10.45am, 12.45pm, 2.45pm The

Castle 6.15pm, 8.10pm, 10.05pm Dr Dolittle 11.20am, 12.20pm, 1.20pm,

2.20pm, 3.20pm, 4.20pm, 5.20pm,

6.20pm, 7.20pm, 8.20pm, 9.20pm

Godzie 11am, 12nom, 2pm, 3pm, 5pm, 6pm, 8pm, 9pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 5.10pm, 9.45pm

The Little Mermaid 11.10am, 1.10pm,

3.10pm Lost in Space 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.10pm, 2.10pm, 3.50pm,

5pm, 6.30pm, 7.45pm, 9.10pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot

10.15am, 12.15pm, 2.15pm Paulie

4.15pm Six Days, Seven Nights 7.30pm The Wedding Singer 4.45pm,

ODEON (0181-315 4211) 8R: Brom-

ley North/Biomley South Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm, 2.10pm

Dr Dolittle 12.40pm, 2.45pm, 4.50pm,

6.55pm, 9pm Godzilla 2.10pm, 5.15pm

8.20pm The Little Mermaid 12.05pm

Lost to Space 11.40am, 2.35pm, 5.35pm, 8.30pm The Wedding Singer

CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030)

BR: Croydon West/East The Disject Of My Affection 3.50pm Paws 2pm Stiding Doors 6.15pm The Wedding

FAIRFIELD HALLS (0181-688

9291) BR: East Croydon Grease (20th

SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR West

Croydon. Dr Dolittle 12.10pm, 2pm,

4pm, 6pm, 7.55pm Godzilla 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.30pm, 8pm Lost lo Space 12noon, 2.30pm, 5pm, 8.05pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680)

8090) BR: East Croydon Barney's Great

4pm City Dt Angels 9.50pm Dr Dollttle 10.20am, 12.30pm, 2.40pm,

4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm The Gingerbread Mao 10pm Godzilla 11am, 2pm,

3.10pm, 5.20pm, 6.15pm, 8.20pm,

Edition) 6.45pm The Little Mermaid

11,20am, 1.20pm, 3.20pm, 5.30pm

Lost te Space 11.50am, 12.40pm, 2.50pm, 3.30pm, 5.50pm, 6.30pm,

8.50pm, 9.30pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 10.10am, 12.10pm,

2.20pm, 4.30pm Paulle 11.10am,

1.10pm Six Days, Seven Nights 6pm.

8.30pm Star Kid 10.30am The Wedding

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592

2020) ← Dagenham Healthway Barney'u

Great Adventure 11.30am, 1.20pm

3.10pm City Of Angels 9.30pm Dr Dollttle 11.10am, 12.40pm, 1.10pm,

2.40pm, 3.10pm, 4.40pm, 5.10pm, 6.40pm, 7.10pm, 8.40pm, 9.10pm The

Glagerbread Mae 10am, 12.20pm Godzilla 12noon, 3pm, 3.40pm, 5pm,

6.30pm, 9pm, 9.40pm Grease (20th

Anniversary Edition) 7.20pm The Lit-

tie Mermaid 11.15am, 1.20pm, 3.20pm.

5.20pm Lost In Space 11.50am,

12.50pm, 2.50pm, 3.50pm, 5.50pm,

6.50pm, 8.50pm, 9.50pm The Magic

Sword: Quest For Camelot 1pm, 3pm,

5.05pm Paulie 11.20am, 1.30pm Six

Days, Seven Nights 5.05pm, 7pm, 9.20pm Star Kid 10.40am The Wedding

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9.40pm Grease (20th An

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The Little Mermald 10am, 2pm

ersary Edition) 2.30pm, 7.30pm

4.35pm, 6.50pm, 9.05pm

7.05pm, 9.30pm

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Singer 8.30pm

BEXLEYHEATH

Wedding Singer 7.10pm

BARKING

McInerney's new novel, Model Behaviour, Despite the snide asides. McInerney (right) knows all-too-well the power of celebrity. He may satirise the empty posturings of New York's beautiful people - the models, actors, designers, and fawning magazine editors - but somehow this chronicle of the "pointless glamour" of the "narcissistic professions" still ends up reading like a rosue issue of Hello! A bit flip and insubstantial, hut great on surface detail and big-time name-dropping. As he says: "It's not necessarily whether you win or lose, darling. It's bow you look while you're playing the game."

Jay McInerney, Pit Theatre, Barbican. London EC2 (0171-638 8891) 7,45pm



CINEMA WEST END

ABC BAKER STREET (0171-935 9772) ➡ Baker Street Dr Oolittle 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.35pm, 8.45pm Godzilla 2.10pm, 5.10pm,

ABC PANTON STREET (0171-930 0631) ← Piccadilly Circus As Good As It Gets 2pm, 5pm, 8pm The Big Lebowski 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Jackie Brown 1.30pm, 4.40pm, 7.45pm Live Flesh 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm

ABC PICCADILLY (0171-437 3561) ↔ Piccadilly Circus Kurt & Courtney 1.25pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Lolita 2.05pm, 5.05pm,

ABC SHAFTESBURY (0171-838 Square/Tottenham Court Road The

6.25pm, 8.50pm ABC SWISS CENTRE (0171-439 4470) ↔ Leicester are/Piccadilly Circus Deconstructing Harry 1.10pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Kiss Dr Kill 3.50pm Life is All You Get 6.10pm, 8.40pm Shall We

Gingerbread Man 1.15pm, 3.40pm,

6.05pm, 8.30pm Hana-Bi 1.35pm, 4pm,

Dance? 3.35pm, 8.30pm Sling Blade 1.15pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm The Taste Of Cherry 1.10pm, 6.10pm ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD (0171-636 6148) ◆ Tottenham Court Road Dr Dolittle 1pm, 3.05pm, 5.15pm,

3.10pm, 6pm, 8.55pm **Lest to Space** 12.45pm, 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm BARBICAN SCREEN (0171-382 7000) → Moorgale/Barbican The Castle 6.15pm, 8.40pm The Daytrippers 6.15pm, 8.40pm

25pm, 9.40pm Godzilla 12.20pm,

CHELSEA CINEMA (0171-351 3742) Sloane Square sycho 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm

CLAPHAM The Daytrippers 6.45pm, 9pm Dr Dolittle 12.45pm, 2.45pm, 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.15pm Godzilie 12noon, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm The Magic

2.30pm, 4.30pm CURZON MAYFAIR (0171-369 1720) Green Park Tile Daytrippers 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

ELEPHANT & CASTLE CORONET (0171-703 4968) ↔ lephant & Castle Dr Delittle 1.30pm. 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.35pm Godzilla 2.35pm, 5.15pm, 8.05pm The Little Mermaid 1pm Lost in Space 1.45pm, 4.40pm, 8.15pm

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SQUARE (0171-437 1234) 👄 Leicester Square The Castle 2.10pm, 4.15pm, 6.20pm 9pm Godzilia 11.20am, 2.20pm 5.30pm, 8.40pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 12.40pm, 3.10pm,

GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) ↔ Notting Hill Gate Hana-Bi 2.15pm, 6.45om, 9om

HAMMERSMITH YIRGIN (0870-9070718) ↔ Ravenscourt Park/Hammersmith Dr Dollittle 12.15pm. 2,20pm, 4.20pm, 6.20pm, 8.30pm Godzilla 12noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm Lost In Space 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10cm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12noon, 20m, 4.15pm Six Days, Seven Nights 8.20pm, 8.45pm

(0171-437 0757) Piccadifly Circus/Leicester Square Hama-Bi 2pm 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Love And Death On Long Island 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, **CURZON MINEMA** (0171-369 1723) ↔ Knightsbridge Life Is All You Get 3pm, 6.50pm Love And Death On Long Island 5.10pm, 8.50pm NOTTING HILL CORONET

(0171-727 6705) ↔ Notting Hill Gate Armegeddon Thu 8.20pm The Gingerbread Man 3pm, 6pm, 8.30pm ODEON CAMPEN TOWN

(0181-315 4229) ← Camden Town The Daylrippers 12 10pm, 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.20pm Dr Dolittle 12.05pm, 2.20pm, 4.35pm, 6.50pm, 9.15pm The Gingerbread Man 12,45pm, 3,25pm, 6,10pm, 8,50pm Godzilla 1,45pm, 5pm, 8,15pm Lost in Space 12noon, 2,55pm. 5.45pm, 8.40pm

ODEON HAYMARKET (0181-315 4212) ← Piccadilly Circus Monk Dawson 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm

ODEON KENSINGTON (0181-315 4214) → High Street Kensington The Castle 12.20om, 5pm, 9.50pm City Ot Adolels 2.25pm Dr Dolittle 12.35pm, 2.50pm, 5.05pm, 7.20pm, 9.35pm The Gingerbread Man 3.30pm, 6.15pm, 9pm Godzilla 11.40am, 2.50pm, 6pm, 9.10pm The Little Mermaid 1.25pm Lost in Space 12.25pm, 3.25pm, 6.25pm, 9.25pm The Object Of My Affection 4.15pm, 9.20pm Stx Days, Seveo Nights 1.50pm, 8.55pm

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (0181-315 4216) - Marbie Arch Dr Dolittle 11.40am, 1.55pm, 4.15pm, 6.35pm, 8.50pm The Gingerbread Man 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm zilla 11.30am, 2.40pm, 5.50pm, 9pm The Little Mennald 11.55am, 2pm Lost in Space 12.30pm, 3.05pm, 6.05pm, 9.05pm Six Days, Seven Nights 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm

ODEON MEZZANINE (0181-315 4215) - Leicester Square The Dbject Of My Affection 6.15pm, 8.40pm Screem 26.05pm, 8.35pm Six Days, Seven Nights 6.10pm, 8.30pm The Wedding Singer 6.40pm, 8.50pm

ODEON SWISS COTTAGE (0181-315 4220) ← Swiss Cottage The Big Lebowski 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.35pm The Castle 4.50pm, 6.50pm, 9pm Dr Dolittle 12.25pm, 2.30pm, 4.35pm, 40pm, 8.45pm The Gingerbread Man 12.20pm, 3pm, 5.45pm, 8.25pm Godzilla 1.45pm, 5pm, 8.05pm The Little Mermaid 1pm Lost In Space 2.10pm, 5.20pm, 8.15pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.30pm.

ODEON WEST END (0181-315 4221) Licester Square Lost in Space 12000n, 12.45pm, 2.50pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm, 6.35pm.

(0181-444 6789) ← East Finchley The Daytrippers 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm

(0171-437 1234) → Piccadilly Circus (0171-437 1234) Sericating Cities Deep Impact 5,40pm, 8.20pm Dr Dolittle 12,30pm, 2,40pm, 4,45pm, 650pm, 9pm Godzilla 1,15pm, 4,20pm, 8pm Paulie 12,40pm, 2,50pm Silding Doors 1pm, 3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm

(0171-837 8402) ← Russell Square Dance Of The Wind 1pm, 2.55pm, 4.50pm, 6.45pm, 8.45pm The Thief 2.35pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm

RIO CINEMA (0171-254 6677) BR: Dalston Kingsland Kurt & Courtney 8.45pm, 9pm The Little Mermaid 2pm, 4.15pm RITZY CINEMA

(0171-737 2121/733 2229) BR/← 8nxton The Daytrippers 3.25pm, 5.25pm, 7.25pm, 9.25pm **Dr Dollittle** 2.5**5**pm, 5 05pm, 7.10pm, 9.15pm Godzilia 3pm, 6.15pm, 9pm Hana-Bi 4.40pm, 7pm, 9.20pm The Little Mermaid 2.50pm Lost in Space 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.50pm TwentyFourSeven 3.25pm

SCREEN ON STREET (0171-486 0036) → Baker Street Kurt Courtney 2.40pm, 4.45pm, 6.50pm, 8.55pm **Lost in Space** 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm

SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) ↔ Angel/Highbury & Islington Hama-Bi 3.30pm, 6.30pm,

SCREEN ON THE HILL (0171-435 3366) → Belsize Park La Grande Ulusion 3pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm

UCI WHITELEYS (0171-792 3332) Bayswater/ Queensway Barney's Great Adven-

ture 12noon, 2.05pm, 4.05pm The Castle 4.50pm, 7.10pm City Of Angels 9.10pm Or Dolittle 11.20am, 12.20pm, 1.20pm, 2.30pm, 3.35pm, 5.05pm, 5.45pm, 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.40pm The Gingerbread Man 6.05pm, 8.45pm Godzilla 11.40am, 2.50pm, 6pm, 9pm The Little Mermald 12.05pm Lost in Space 12.15pm, 2.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm, 6.15pm, 6.15pm, 9.15pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.30pm,

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Great Adventure 12noon, 2pm The Godzilla 1.30pm, 5pm, 8.15pm Lost lo Space 12.05pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9.10pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.15pm, 2.10pm, 4.30pm Six Days, Seveo Nights Mon-Wed 4pm, 6.30pm,

VIRGIN FULHAM ROAD (0870-9070711) South Kensington The Big Lebowski 1.30pm, 4.10pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm The Castle Mon-Wed 2.20pm, 4.20pm The Daytrippers 7pm. 9.30pm Or Dolittle 12.30pm, 2.40pm 4.40pm, 6.45pm, 8.45pm Godzilla 1pm 4.50nm, 8nm Monk Dawson 1.40nm 4.20pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm Peutie 2.40pm, 3.30pm Sliding Doors 6.45pm, 9.10pm

VIRGIN HAYMARKET (0870-9070712) ← Piccadilly Circus The Daytriogers 20m. 4.30om. 7cm. 9cm Love And Death Dn Long Isl 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm The Object Of My Affection 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

/IRGIN TROCADERO (0870-9070716) → Piccadiffy Circus Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm, 2pm The Castle 12.15pm, 2.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9.10pm City Of Angels 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 9pm Dr Dolittle 12.40pm, 2.50pm, 5pm, 7.20pm, 9.30pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.50pm The Little Mermaid 12noon, 1.50pm Mad City 6pm, 8.50pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.10pm, 2pm, 4pm Paulie 12.10pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm Six Days, Seven ins 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Soul Food 5.10pm, 8.40pm

WARNER VILLAGE WEST

(0171-437 4347) Leicester Square The Big Lebowski 3.50pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm City Of Angels 1.40pm, 4.15pm, 6.50pm, 9.30pm Or Delittie 11.40am, 2,10pm, 4.20pm, 6.35pm, 8.50pm The Giggerbread Man 12.30pm, 3.20pm, 8pm, 9pm The Little Mermald 12.30pm, 2.40pm Mad City 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelol 11.50am, 2pm, 4.10pm, 6.15pm Paulie 11.30am, 1.40pm Scream 28.30pm Stx Days, Seven Nights 4.40pm. 7pm. 9.40pm Titanic 12noon, 4pm, 8pm The Wedding Singer 1.30pm, 4.05pm,

> CINEMA LONDON LOCALS

ACTON PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) & Park Royal Barney's Great Adventure 11.30am, 1.35pm, 3pm, 5.10pm City Di Angels 9.25pm Or Dolittle 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2.10pm, 3.15pm, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 6.40pm, 7.40pm, 8.50pm, 9.50pm The Gingerbread Man 7.30pm Godzilla 12.40pm, 2.40pm, 3.35pm, 5.40pm, 6.30pm, 8.35pm, 9.35pm **Grease** (20th Anoiversary Edition) 5.05pm The

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VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-9070719) BR @ Eding Broadway Or Dolittle 12 10pm, 2,20pm - 30pm 6.40pm, 8.50pm Godzilfa 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8 30pm The Little Mermaid 12 20pm Lost In Space 11 40.m 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.40pm

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8.25pm Sovi Food 9.35pm The Wedding Singer 10.15pm FELTHAM

CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-867 0555) BR Fellman Barney's Great Adventure 10 45am. 12.30nm, 2.20nm The Castle 2.30nm 1.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm Chota Chetan 11.25am, 1 30pm, 3 40pm City Of Angels 9 15pm Dr Dolittle 11 20am **12.20pm, 1.20pm,** 2.20pm, **3.20**pm 1.20pm, 5.20pm, 5.20pm, 7.20pm 12.30pm, 6.30pm Godzilla 12neon, 1pm 3cm 4pm 5pm 6cm 7pm 8cm. 9pm, 10pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 11.30am, 1.50pm 4 40pm 7.05pm, 9.45pm Kareeb 11.50am 3am. 6.10am. 9.30am The Little Mermaid 10 40am, 12,40pm, 2,40pm Lost in Space 10.55am, 12.35pm. 1.35pm, 3.10pm, 4.10pm, 5.50pm 5.50pm, 8.40pm, 9.40pm The Magic Sword: Duest For Camelot 11 103/3 1.10pm, 3.15pm Major Saab 6 USpm Paulie 10.30am, 12.30pm Pyaar To

Hona Hi Tha 3.30pm, 9 10pm Six Days,

Seven Nights 5 10pm, 7 30pm, 9 50pm The Wedding Singer 4 30pm,

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Star Kid 12.10pm The Wedding Singer

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CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR-Greenwich Barney's Great Adventure 12noon, **3.35cm Or Dolittle** 12.15cm. 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm The Giogerbread Man 9.25pm Godzilla 12.35pm, 3.20pm, 6 95pm. 8 50pm The Little Mermaid 1.40pm, 5.15pm Six Oays, Seven Nights 7.15pm

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ABC (0870-9020413) - Beisize Park Barney's Great Adventure 12 35om Dr Bolittle 1.30pm. 4 15pm. 6 30pm. 8.45pm Godzilla 2.15pm, 5.10pm, 8 05pm The Little Mermaid 12.40pm Lost in Space 2 30pm, 5.25pm, 8.10pm

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Magic Sword: Duest For Camelot

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Nights 7 10pm, 9 30pm Star Kid 10 30am The Wedding Singer 7pm

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Man 6.30pm Godzilla 2 15pm, 5 25pm.

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ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) 6R kingston Barney's Great Adventure 12 10pm Dr Dollttle 12 30pm, 2.30pm.

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Or Dolittle 12 25om, 2 30pm, 4,40pm,

ō 50pm, 9pm Godzilla 2pm, 5.10pm,

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Lost In Space 1.30pm, 5.20pm, 8.20pm

PREMIER (0181-235 3006)

BR. Peckham Rye Barney's Great

Adventure 11,45am, 2,55pm Dr

Dolittle 12 20pm, 12.50pm, 2.30pm,

3pm, 4 40pm, 5,10pm, 6,50pm, 7,20pm, 9pm, 9,30pm Godzilla 12,35pm.

3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm Grease

5.25pm **Guru in Seven** 6.40pm, 9.20pm

The Little Mermaid 1,15pm, 4.25pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot

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Nights 7.30pm, 9.40pm Soul Food

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Little Mermaid 12,15pm Lost In Space

ODEON (0181-315 4218) 8R/O

5pm, 7,10pm, 9,40pm Godzilla 2,15pm,

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9.35pm Titanic 6.05pm

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ODEON LIBERTY (01708-729040) BR: Rom(ord Anastasia 10 20am Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm, 2.20pm, 4.30pm The Castle 1.45pm, 7pm, 9pm Dr Dolittle 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4 15pm 5.15pm, 6 30pm, 7.15pm. 8 30pm. 9.10pm George Of The Jungle 10.20am Godzilia 2.10pm. 5 15pm 8 20pm Grease /20th Anniversary Edition) 3.45pm, 6.20pm. 8 45pm The Little Mermeld 12noon Lost in Space 11.10am, 1.30pm. 7 50pm. 4 30pm. 5.30pm, 7,30pm. 8 30pm The Magic Sword: Duest For Cametot 1pm, 2.45pm MouseHont 10.20cm Paulie 11.50cm, 1.45pm Paws

SIDCUP

ABC (0541-555131) 8R: Sideup Godzille 2 10pm, 5,10pm, 8,10pm The Little Mermaid 12 10pm Lost in Space 1.45pm, 5pm 8 05pm

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UXBRIDGE ODEON (01895-813139) ← Uxbridge Dr Dolittle 11,35am, 1.45pm, 4pm, 6.15pm, 9.15pm Lost In Space

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WELL HALL CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR: Eliham Godzilla 2.35pm, 5.15pm, 8.05pm The Little Mermaid 1pm Lost

In Space 1.45pm, 4.40pm, 8.15pm WILLESDEN BELLE-VUE (0181-830 0822)

O Willesden Green Lost In Space 1 pm. 4pm, 6,40pm, 9,15pm :

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WOOLWICH CORONET [0181-854 5043) 8R: Woolwich Arsenal Dr Dolittle 1.30pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.35pm Godzilia 2.35pm 5.15pm, 8.05pm The Magic Sword: Richmond Dr Dolittle 12.40pm, 2.50pm, Quest For Camelot 1pm

CINEMA REPERTORY

LONDON ICA The Mall SW1 (0171-930 3647/cc 930 3647) The Harry Smith Re-creation: Avant-Garde Animation Live Event (NC) 3pm, 8pm New Animation: New Shorts For Harry (NC) 5pm Germany, Year Zero (NC) 6.30pm. 8.30pm Sonatine (1B) 7pm, 9pm

NFT South Bank SE1 (0171-633 0274/cc 0171-928 3232) The Railway Childreo (U) 2pm Jorls leens Programme 2: Joris Ivens (NC) 6.150m Pigs And Battleships: Shope Imamura (NC) 6.30pm The Wedding Benquet (15) 7.30pm Oscar And Lucinda (15) 8.30pm The Insect Woman: Shohei Imamura (NC) 8.40pm

PEPSI IMAX The Trocadero Piccadilly Circus W1 [0171-494 4153) Across The Sea Of Time - A New York Adventure (3-D) (U) 11am, 1.05pm 5.20pm, 9.35pm L5 - City in Space (U) 12.10pm, 2.15pm, 4.25pm, 8.25pm, 10.45pm Everest (U) 3.20pm, 7.20pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 81811 Ponette (15) ipm The Wings Of The Dove (15) 3.30pm **Guru in Seven (18)** 6.15pm

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 | 0181-237 1111/cc 420 0100 | La Grande Wusion (U) 6.30pm, 8.50pm WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middx (0181-568) 176) Guru in Seven (18) 9pmm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot (U) ipm. 3pm Sting Blade (15) 6.45pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition)

(PG) 4.45pm BRIGHTON DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-626261) Ponette (15) 9pm The Tests Di

Cherry (PG) 7pm Titanic (12) 2pm RRISTOL WATERSHEO (0117-925 3845)

The Wind In The Willows (U) 3pm The Gingerbread Man (15) 6.05pm, 8 25pm Sling Blada [15] 8.15pm CAMBRIDGE

ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444) Deconstructing Harry (18) 1pm Hana-8i (18) 3pm 9.20pm Tales Of The Taira Clen (aka The Taira Clan Sage) (NC) 5.10pm The Thief (15) 7.20om

CARDIFF CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Afterglow (15) 2.30pm, 8pm Out Of The Past (PG) 7 30pm

NEWGUAY STELLA SCREEN TOUR: NEWOUAY (0870-5770075) Big Wednesday (PG) film commences

CINEMA CITY | 101603-6220471 Anastasia (U) 2.30pm Gummo (18) 8.15pm Junk Mail (15) 5.45pm

PLYMOUTH ARTS CENTRE (01752-206114) Loiita (18) 8pm

THEATRE

WEST END Ticket availability details are for today; times and prices for the week; running times include Intervals. ● — Seats at all prices - Seats at some prices . . Returns only Matinees — [1]. Sun. [3] Tue. [4]: Wed. [5]. Thu, [6]: Fri. [7]: Sat £7.50-£27.50 165 mins

ART Stacy Keach, David Dukes. George Wendt in Yasmina Reza's comedy about all and triendship. **Wyodham's Channg Cross Road, WC2** (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) ◆ Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm. [7][1]

5pm, £9.50-£27.50, 90 mins. **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Lavish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the tavounte fairy tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) ← Tott CI Rd. Mon-Wed, Fri 8 Sat 7.30pm, [4]. [5][7]

2.30pm, £18.50-£35, 150 mins. ● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's tong-running Liverpool musical. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £10.50-£29.50, 165 mins.

 BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Hoffy. Strand Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) O Covent Garden Tue-Thu 8pm, Fr 5.30pm & 8.30pm. Sat 5pm & 8 30pm. mats (1) 4pm, £6 75-£30, 160 mins.

D CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 40791 + Coveni Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50, 165 mins O CHICAGO Ruthie Henshall stars

in Ihis hit Broadway musical Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) ← Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £16-£36 (incl booking leet, 130 mins. • CLOSER Superb sludy of

contemporary sexual relationships hom Dealer's Choice author Patrick Marber. Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) → Picc Circ Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm, £7.50-£27,50. 140 mins. **THE COMPLETE WORKS** OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

(ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Company tast-forward through 37 plays. Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) - Picc Circ. Wed-Sat 8pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 5pm, [1] 4pm, £9.50-£20. ● DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage

adaptation featuring Jim Henson Puppets.

Labatt's Apollo Hammersmith Queen

Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022)

 Hammersmith, Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins, D GREASE Marissa Dunlop stars in the stage version of the hil lilm. Cambridge Earlham Sireet, WC2 Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 mins.

HOW I LEARNED TO DRI-VE Paula Vogel's drama about the Incestuous relationship between a teenager and her uncle. Donmas 8pm, [5][7] 4pm, ends 8 Aug. £12-£16, concs available. 95 mins.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christopher Cazenove and Kate O'Mara in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Albery St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, ends 22 Aug, £7.50-£29.50, 165 mins.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS Slephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed production of JB Priesiley's thriller. Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) → Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £10.50-£25. 110 mins.

● THE JUNGLE BOOK State adaptation of Kipling's classic children's book. Open Air Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431) & Baker Street, Today 2.30pm, ends 22 Aug. £5. • A LETTER OF RESIGNA-

TION Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and political morality. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) ◆ Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, booking to 5 Sept. £12.50-£25. 135 mins.

T'S A MAD WORLD MY MASTERS Middleton's comic look at London low-life. The Globe New Globe Walk, S£1 (0171-401 9919) → London Bridge. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 19 Sep. £5-£20, concs available.

● MAJOR BARBARA Jemma Redgrave and Peter Bowles star in George Bernard Shaw's classic comedy. Piccadilly Derman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) Picc Circ. In rep. tonight 7.45pm, £8.50-£27.50. 180 mins.

LES MISERABLES Musical diamatisation of Victor Hugo's masterniece Palace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) → Plcc Circ. Mon-Sai 7.30pm, [5] [7] 2.30pm, £7-£32.50. 195 mins.

 MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Madern Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, £5.75-£32.50. 165 mins.

THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodumnit. St Martin'a West Streel, WC2 (0171-836 1443) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 2.45pm. [7] 5pm. £9-£23 135 mins.

THE OLD NEIGHBOR-HOOD David Mamet's new play is di-rected by Patrick Marber. Royal Court (at the Duke Of York's) St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) → Leic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 3.30pm, booking to 8 Aug. £5-£19.50, benches 10p. Mon - all seats £5. 90 mins.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Wabber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) → Fice Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50, 150 mins.

● POPCORN Lawrence Boswell directs Ben Ellon's satile on cinema violence. Apollo Shaftasbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) → Picc Circ. Mori-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £6.50-£23.50. 150 mins.

THE REAL INSPECTOR

HOUND & BLACK COMEDY Double bill of drama from Tom Stoppard and Peter Schaffer, directed by Gregory Doran, Cornedy Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) → Picc Cuc, Leic Sg. Mon-Sai 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm.

PRENT Musical inspired by La Boheme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shahesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) ← Holbom/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12 50-£32.50, 160 mins

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE O OLIVIER: Oldahoma! Rodoers and Hammerstein's classic, Mon-Sat 7,15pm. mats Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 3 Gct ● LYTTELTON: The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie Fiora Shaw stars in this new adaptation of the classic povel by Mutiet Spark in rep, lonight 7.30pm, tenight ends 3 Oct. 155 mins

O COTTESLOE: Copenhagen New drama from Michael Frayn about the discovery of the atom, in rep. tomost 7.30pm, 145 mins. Oilvier & Lyttelton £8-£27. Oktahoma' £12-£32.50. Cottesioe £12-£18 Day sezis from 10am. South Bank SF1 (0171-452 3000) - Embarkment

OSATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical realizant lecendar. songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia London Patladium Argyll Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) & Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4)[7] 2.30pm. £10-£32.50. 135 mins. . SHAKESPEARE'S

in Shakespeare, Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket. SW1 (0171-930 8800) ← Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 8.15pm, [7] 5pm, ends 9 Aug. £8-517 50, concs £10. 70 mins.

D SHOW BOAT Jarome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein's musical set on the Mississippi. Prince Edward Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) ◆ Leic Sq/Tott Cl Rd, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £10-£35, 180 mins.

SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE -THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER The mod'n'mil hit-makers celebrated in a musical revue that includes Jailhouse Rock. Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972) + Leic Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fn 5.45pm & 8.30pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm, £15-£32.50, Fri mats £10-£25. 135 mins.

 STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musical. Apollo Victoria Willon Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/ Victoria, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12,50-£30, 150 mins.

SWEET CHARITY Some

Langloid stars in this classic musical. leaturing the numbers Hey Big Spender and the Rhythm Of Life. Victoria Palace Victoria Sireet, SW1 (0171-834 1317) 8R/- Victoria. Mon-Sal 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm, £15-£30, 160 mins. THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE

Jane Asher slars in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy. Gletgod Shaflesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) ➡ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5][7] 3pm, £10.50-£27.50. 140 mins. TROILUS AND CRESSI-

DA Shakespeare's classic tale o) love and chivalry set during the Seige Of Troy.

Open Air Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486
2431/cc 486 1933) ◆ Baker Street. Tonight 8pm, ends 3 Sep. £8-£20.

THE UNEXPECTED MAN Yasmina Reza's follow-up to Art is a drama about a novelist and a life-long admirer. Michael Gambon and Fileen Atkins star. Duchess Catherine Street. WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) ◆ Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 4pm, [7] 5pm, £10-£25, 100 mins.

WHAT YOU GET AND WHAT YOU EXPECT Acerbic look at a generation bent on success from Jean-Marie Bessel. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, ends 8 Aug, £10-£14 concs available

WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) & Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost story. Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444] Covent Garden/Holbom. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£23.50, 110 mins.

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

LYRIC STUDIO Happy Savages Ryan Craig's new drama looks at the sexual habits of a group of twentysomethings. Mon-Sat 8om, mats Sat 4.30pm. ends 22 Aug. £10. concs £5, Mon - all seats £5. King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) Hammersmith.

NEW END THEATRE May Day New A political comedy of our time. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 23 Aug. £10-£12, concs £7. New Heath Street, NW3 (0171-794 0022) → Hampstead.

THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

THEATRE ROYAL Alarms And Excursions - Mora Plays Than One Michael Frayn's new comedy. Tonight 7.30pm mais 5 Aug. 2 30pm ends 8 Aug. £10-£24.50 S1 Johns Place

BOURNEMOUTH PAVILION THEATRE Grease Luke SWAN THEATRE The Two Gentie-Goss stars in the stage version of the hil film. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm. £15-£19.50, concs available. Westover Road [01202-456456]

PIER THEATRE See How They Run SWANSEA Philip King's farce about mistaken GRAND THEATRE Dial M For identities and general confusion. Mon-Tue, Thu-Sat 8pm, Wed & Sat 5.30pm & whoduruit Tonight 7.30pm, ends 8 Aug. 8.40pm, £10.50-£12.50, concs available. £5.50-£7.50. Singleton Street Pier Approach (01202-456456)

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call

FOCUSING MORE on the drama of life than the emotive qualities of classical music, Amadeus by Peter Shaffer (right) delves into the murky waters of the creative temperament. David Suchet tops the bill as the prominent 18th-century Viennese composer Antonio Salieri, who finds himself tormented by jealousy when he is unstaged by his young rival. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. With lavish period costumes, a musical score that cannot be faulted and a dazzling set, this will be one of the most impressive theatrical events this year. Book early. The Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, London SE1 (0171-494 5372) from 21 Oct

CLEANING UP the muddied image of this year's summer festivals is The Beach Festival, safely set in Cornwall on a mile-long private beach. Headlining the three-day event are Bentley Rhythm Ace, Asian Dub Foundation. Dreadzone and high-profile club systems Megadog, Basement Jax and Return to the Source. Further treats are in store in the nearby woods with performance theatre and a giant cinema screen offering films all night long. Carlyon Bay, nr St Austell, Cornwall (0990 341114) 14, 15, 16 Aug



BROMLEY

CHURCHILL THEATRE Joseph And The Amazing Technicaler Dreamcost Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical version of the Bible story. Iden-Thu 2.3Cpm & 7.30pm. Fri-Sat 5ort & Rom ends 15 Aug. £8-£18, concs available. High Street (0181-460 6677)

CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THE-ATRE Chimes At Midnight From 5 Aug. Lion-Sai 7 30pm, mais Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 9 Sep 66 E0-925 Oak-lands Park (01243-761312)

COLCHESTER MERCURY THEATRE Having A Ball Alan Bleasdale's black cornedy set in a clinic for cosmetic surgery, 5 Aug. 7.30pm, ends 15 Aug £7.75-£12.75. concs available. Balterne Gate 101206-573948/

EASTBOURNE **DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE** Murder is Easy Agatha Christie's whodunnit, Last perts, loday 5pm & 8.15pm, ends 3 Sep 25-29 50 Compton Street (01323-412000)

ROUGEMONT GARDENS Much Ado About Nothing Steinespeare's Italian love story presented by the Northcod Theatre Company, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 11 Aug. £8-£12 Off Little Castle Street (01392-493493)

THE LANDMARK Barnum Peter Duncan stars in this circus show, complete with death delying leats. Mon-Sat 8.15pm, mats Thu 2.15pm, ends 6 Sep. £10-£14.75 The Promenade. Wilder Road (01271-324242)

NEWBURY WATERMILL THEATRE Cabaret Kander and Ebb's musical about life in decadent 1930s Bertin, Mon-Sal 7 30nm. mats Thu & Sat, 2.30pm, ends 22 Aug. £6-£15, concs available. 8agnor (01635-46044)

SCHOOL GROUNDS Hamlet Innovative staging of this drama on an island on the River Cherwell, Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 29 Aug. £9, concs £7, High Street (01865-798600)

PEMBROKE CASTLE The Winter's Tale Strakespeare's study of redemption through love. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 7 Aug. £5.50, cones £3.50. (01646-681510) BROWNSEA ISJ AND As You like

PEMBROKE

It Shakespeare's literary and pastoral comedy. Mon, Wed, Fri 7.30pm, ends 7 Aug. £10. Poole Harbour (01202-690952) QUENNINGTON THE OLD RECTORY The Merchan Of Venice Venice is recreated on the Riv-

er Coin in this outdoor production of

Shakespeare's classic. Tonight, doors open

6pm. ends 9 Aug. £6.50-£15. (01285-750 483) READING THE MILL AT SONNING Out Of Order Ray Cooney's farce about a Government minister, an Opposition typist and a dead body. Tue-Sat 8.15pm. mats Sat 2.15pm, ends 15 Aug. £20.95-£31.95 inc1 meal. Sonning £ye

(0118-969 8000) SOUTHAMPTON MAYFLOWER THEATRE The Goodbye Girl Marti Webb and Gary Wilmox star in this musical adaptation of the Neil Simon movie. Mon-Sat 7.30pm mais Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 15 Aug. £10-£21.50. Commercial Road (01T03-711811)

STAMFORD RUTLAND OPEN AIR THEATRE. TOLETHORPE HAL A Comedy Of Errors Shakespeare's comedy about two identical twins meeting after 18-years. Tonight 8pm, ends 28 Aug. £8-£13, concs available. (01780-756133)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON THE OTHER PLACE Roberts Zucco Kolles' drama inspired by e wanted poster, directed by James Macdonald. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 5 Sep. £12-£19. Southern Lane (01789-295623) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE

THEATRE Twelfth Night Adrian Notile directs Stakespeare's most popular play for the BSC. In rep, lonight 7.30pm, ends 5 Sep. £5-£37. Waterside (01789-295623) men Of Verona Directed by Edward Hall.

(01789-295623) Murdar Frederick Knott's classic (01792-475715)

in rep. Jonight 7.30pm.

ends 5 Sep.£5-£31. Waterside

CLASSICAL EXHIBITIONS

BRISTOL

ARNOLFINI Trecey Moffett: An Exhibition Of Photographs And Films Flist major solo show. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 23 Aug. free. Narrow Ouay (0117-929 9191)

CARDIFF NATIONAL MUSEUM AND GALLERY Victorian Visions: Drewings And Watercolours Victorian art hom Rossetti to Whistler.

Ends 27 Sep. Princes As Patrons Over 250 works from the Royal Collection Tue-Sun 10am-5pm. ends 8 Nov £4 25, concs £2.50, family £9.75 Cathays Park (01222-397951)

LONDON BARBICAN ART GALLERY The Werhol Look: Glamour, Slyle, Fashion Over 500 works by 60 artists explore art. film and fashion during Warhol's life. Mon Thu-Sal 10am-6 45pm, Tue 10am-5.45pm, Wed 10am-7 45pm, Sun 12noon-6.45pm, ends 16 Aug £6 (£4 after 5pm Mon-Fill. concs £4 Silk Street (0171-638 41411

DESIGN MUSEUM Design Dynasty: Ferdinand Porsche Fifty years of vehicle design Ends 8 Aug. £5.25, concs £4 (lo museum), Innovation By Design: 100 Years Of Bosch to The UK Celebrating the work of the inventor and industrialist, Mon-Sun 11.30am-6pm, Ends 16 Aug. £5.25. concs £4 (to museum), Shad Thames, SE1 (0171-378 6055) → Tower Hill/DLR Tower Gateway.

HAYWARD GALLERY Bruce Navaman Retrospective of peon-work film and sound peices by the contemporary American artist Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Tue & Wed to 8pm), ends 6 Sep. £5, concs £3 50. Belvedere Road, SE1 [0171-960 4242) 8R/ Waterloo. ICA GALLERY Lari Pfilman First

major UK show for important American painter, Mon-Sun 12noon-7 30pm (Fri to 9pm), ends 6 Sep. £1.50, concs £1, Sat-MAGDALEN COLLEGE (0171-930 3647) → Charing Cross. NATIONAL GALLERY Caravaggio: The Plagetlation Of Christ Exhibition centred on a loaned work by the 17thcentury arilsi. Ends 9 Aug. Iree. Vanice Through Canaletto's Eyes

Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 11 Oct, free. Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-839 3321) ← Channo Cross. Leicester Square. ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 1998 Major annual selling exhibition.

Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Sun to 8.30pm), ends 16 Aug. £7, UB40/OAP £5.50, NUS £5, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. Chagell: Loce And The Slage Cotourful murals made in Russia. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Fri & Sun to 8.30pm). ends 4 Oct. £6, concs £5, NUS £4, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. Critical Mass: Automy Gormley Sixty casts of human bodies. Mon-Sun all day, ends 30 Sep, free. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000/cc 413

1717) - Green Park/Piccadilly Circus. TATE GALLERY Art Now 14: Sophie Calle's The Birthday Caremony Sculptural installation of birthday gifts. Ends 16 Aug, hee. Patrick Heron Retrospective of the British artist whose work played a major role in post-war abstract art. Ends 6 Sep.

Warhol And Berrys: Loans From The Freelich Collection Work by leading 20th-century artists. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 20 Sap, trea. nlight And Firelight: Wa From The Turner Bequest Work exploring Turner's interest in moonlight and firelight. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm. ends 11 Nov. tree. Milibank, SW1 10171-887 8000) ← Pimtico.

OXFORD ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Drawings: Claude Lorrain 1600-1682 Over 100 drawings covering every aspect of the artist's work. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm. Sun 2nm-4om, ends 13 Sep. Iree, Beaumont Street [01865-278000)

The Commisser Of Space: John Goto Large-scale photographs exploring the effects of the 1930s on Russia. Ends 23 Aug. A Conversation Piece: Joho Murphy Juliao Sarmento Collaboration ot paintings, objects and installation. Tue-Sun 11am-6pm (Thu to 9pm), ends 4 Oct. £2.50 (free Wed mom & Thu eve),

concs £1,50, child tree. Permoroke Street

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

(01865-722733) PENZANCE PENLEE HOUSE GALLERY & MUSEUM Walter Langley Major exhibition of the 19th-century painler Mon-Sat 10.30am-4.30pm, Sun 2pm-4.30pm, ends 30 Aug. £2, concs £1. Morrab Road (01736-363625).

GREAT HALL Jane's Minstrels

Messiaen's Quarfet for the End of Time and other contemporary works location 8 t5pm \$7 \$ \$10 (0180) \$63073.

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ROYAL ALBERT HALL Northern Siolonia/Pommier Chippin's Let Feeto Concerte and Modatti's 40th Semplian, Tonight 7 30pm (13-50) Sensingter Gore SW7 (017) -589 8.11.3 @ High Sheet Kensington

OPERA

LONDON CANNIZARO PARK Tales DI Hoffman Olfenhach's last opera in an Opera Box staging, Tomobt 7, 30pm; £14 & £16 West Side Common, SW19 (0191-540 0362) Wimbledon

HOLLAND PARK THEATRE L'Arlesiane Rare outing for Citer's drama in a staging by Opera Holland Park. directed by Torn Hawkes: Tonight 7 30pm. £24, cones £18.50 kensington High Street, W5 (01.1 -602 7856) ← High Street kensington.

DANCE

LONDON

BARBICAN THEATRE Tharp(: Programme Two Twyla Tharp's Heroes sel to music by Philip Glass, 66 set to big band songs, and Sweet Fields set to 19th century hymns. Tonight 7 45pm £8-\$27, concs available on day Rarbican Centie. EC2 (0171-638 88911 → Barbican/Moorgate

BALLROOM, MAIN FOYER, ROYAL FESTIVAL HAL Blitz 98: Remembering Choreographer David Toguri - Take Back Your Mink Extracts from Guys & Dolls by London Studio Centre. Today 1.15pm-1.45pm, Irea South Bank Centre SE1 (0171-960 4242) ◆ Walerloo.

LITERATURE

LONDON

INVENTING AMERICA: JAY MCINERNEY Bright Lights, 8ig City author reads hom his new novel. Model Behaviour, Barbican: The Pit Barbican Centie EC2 (0171-638 8891) ◆ Barbican/Moorgale, Tonight 7,45pm-9pm, £6, concs £4.50.

SWANSEA TAFOD DYLAN - OISCUSSING DYLAN Welsti lecture by the poet Cefnlab on the influence of the Welsh Gorsedd Baids on Dylan. The Dylan Thomas Centre Somersel Place (01792-463993) Tonight 7,30pm, £5, concs £3.50.

COMEDY

BEXHILL AN EVENING WITH SPIKE MILLIGAN AT DE LA WARR PAVILION Peerless entertainment hom he lormer Goon, Tonight 7,30pm, £9.50 & £10.50. (01424-787949)

CAMBRIDGE THE GROLSCH MARQUEE CLUB AT JESUS GREEN The Cornedy Store presents Paul Zenon. Simon Bligh, Mandy Knight and Tim Clark. Tonight 7.30pm. £5.

LONDON RTFP AT 100 CLUB Recording of Radio 4 impro news show with ex Neighbours thesp and presenter Mark Littte, John Moloney and Ed Byrne. Tonigh 7pm, hee. Oxford Street, W1 (0171-636)

CLUBS

BRIGHTON

0933) ◆ Oxford Circus.

STUDIO 54 AT THE OCEAN ROOMS New York-style club night spinning 1970s disco. electro and classic house. Tonight 10om-2am, free Morley Street (01273-6990691

STARSKY AND HUTCH UPSTAIRS AT RONNIE SCOTT'S Popular 1970s disco, funk and rare groove night. Tonight 10pm-3am. Frith Street, W1 (0181 654 0523) ← Leicester Square, £6, NUS £4, mems £3.

SWERVE AT THE VELVET ROOMS Drum'n'bass with Fabio. Grooverider and Barley. Tonight 10pm-2.30am, Charing Cross Road WC2 (0171-439 4655) ◆ Tottenham Court Road, £6, concs £4,

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BOURNEMOUTH NINE BELOW ZERO CURY BOX R&B crew Mr. Smiths Poole Hill (01202-291617) Tought 8pm, phone to

prices. FARNHAM SPEEDURCHIN, DOG TOFFEE Whizz-core punk, and garage-rocking

8.30pm, phone for prices LONDON TINY TOO, FX HUBERMAN. GRAVEL Post-rockish Scandinavian girl Itio Barfly at the Falcon Royal College

hardcore support Farnham Meltings

Bridge Square (01252-726234) Tonight

Street NW1 (0171-482 4808) ← Cantden Town. Tonight & 30pm, C5 HIS NAME IS ALIVE, THE PARADISE MOTEL Wallen Defever's acclaimed US dieampoppers Upstairs al lhe Garage Highbury Corner N5 (0171-607 1818-cc 0171-344 0044) Highbury & Islington Torright

8.30pm, £5. SIDMOUTH SIOMOUTH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FOLK ARTS 1998 Over 600 events, starring The Oysterband. hathryn Tickell, Dervish, Chas'u'Dave, Natalie MacMaster, Dougre Maclean, Christine Collisler, Show Ol Hands, Jaleo Flamenco, Bert Jansch, The Poozies and many many more. Various Venues

(01296-433669) Phone for details.

THE HAMSTERS Essex blues-rockers with more than 2000 gigs under their belts. Queens Tap Station Road (01793-5353951 Tonight 8pm. phone for prices

SWINDON

MUSIC EASTLEIGH

revivalist Concorde Club Stoffeham Lane (01703-613989) Tonight 9pm. £10 50, mamo £8 BRISTO IAN BRUCE Scuttish loth

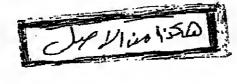
HARRY ALLEN Smooth swing tenor

singer-songwriter Albert fra West Street (0117-966 1968) Tomght 8.30pm, £4. cones £3 50 LONDON EALING JAZZ FESTIVAL LOM Jazzlet, ken Baldock Quinlet, Mall Ross-Peler Ind Duo, Gary Clocby's No. Troop and the Bill Skeat Quintel. Walpole Park Mallock Lane W5 (0181-758 5741) Tube BR Ealing Broadway, Today

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JOEL HELLENY QUARTET Mainstream frombonist, veteral of the greal swing bands Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street WT (0171-439 87.70) ◆ Tollenham i`ouri Road Tonighi Apos.

JOSE NETO QUARTET Exching Brazilian jazz tock guilarist Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 (0747) ◆ Leicester Square, Tomorii 9 30pm, €12, memp £4, NUS £8 (Mon-High



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WEDNESDAY RADIO

(97.6-99.8MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Moyles. 9.00 Mark Goodier. 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow. 12.30 Newsbeat 12.45 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Dave Pearca 6.30 Steve Lamacq - the Evening Pesion. 8.30 Movie Update with Wark Kermode. 8.40 John Peel. 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs. 12.00 The Breezeblock. 2.00 Charlie Jordan. 4.00 - 6.30 Cive Warren.

RADIO 2 (88-90.2MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Alex Lester. 5.05 John Dunn. 7.00 Cambridge Folk Festival 9.00 Alexander O'Neal - the Celebrity Soul Show. 10.00 Top of the Pops on 2. 10.30 Richard Alfinson, 12.05 Steve Madden, 3.00

RADIO 3 (90.2-92.4MHz FM) 6.00 On Air, 9.00 Masterworks. 10.30 Proms Artist of the Week. 1.00 Sound Stories.
1.00 Proms Composer of the Week:

4.00 Annie Othen.

Elgar. 100 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. 2.00 BBC Proms 98. (R) 4.00 Choral Evensong.

5.00 in Tune. 7.30 BBC Proms 98. Favourite pieces for chamber orchestra are performed tonight at the Royal Albert Hall in the shape of Rossinis sparkling overture, Chooin's characteristically lyrical concerto, and one of the last three great symphonies by Mozart. 8.25 The Golem Legend, Rabbi

Julia Neuberger and composer John Casken - whose Maharal Dreaming is in the second half of tonight's Prom - discuss different Interpretations of the Jewish legend in which a clay effigy is magically brought to life.

11,45 Concert, part 2 John Casken: waharai Dreaming (first London per-formance): Mozart: Symphony No 40 9.50 Postscript. Five programmes

this week in which Nicholas Ward-Jackson explores the contemporary ert world. In the third programme, creates a new sound and video piece in the New Art Space at the Tate, drawing together the diverse

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1 6.00 The Naked Runner (1967)

(94433853). **7.50** Inside Out (1975)

(75969940), 9.25 Butch and Sundance:

Fipper (1996) (95359230), 1.00 Inside Out

(1975) (93969), 3.00 The Naked Flunner

(1967) (16921), 5.00 My Chost Dog (1997) 1.7766), 7.00 Fipper (1996) (74619), 9.00 A

rayer in the Dark (1997) (79230). 10.30

Dying to Be Perfect: the Ellen Hart Pena Story (1996) (637728), 1.55 Good Guys

8.00 The Goddess (1958) (55414), 8.00

Mystery Science Theatre 3000: the Movie

(1996) (83582), **2.00** The Goddess (1956) (85389), **4.00** Farewell My Lovely* (1945).

See Pick of the Day (7563), 6.00 Mystery Science Theatre 3000: the Movie (1996)

(77582), 7.30 El News Week in Review

(2124) 8.00 The Universal Story (1995)

(91358), **10.00** Money Train (1995) (474834), 11.50 Jade (1995) (685308), **1.30** The Ult-

mate Lie (1996) (35438). 3.00 in the Pursuit

4.00 Berlin Express* (1948) (6257056), 6.00 Don't Bother to Knock* (1952) (3855105).

10.00 Bue Steel (1990) (113817), 11.45 Skm Deep (1969) (1321747), 1.25 Dr Detroit (1983)

95030136), **2.55** Les Patierson Saves the World (1987) (64546761). **4.25** The Jackpon*

Stones of the Highway Patrol (6902872) 9.30 Cops (7653360), 10.00 Italian Strip-

ping Housewives (9452650). 10.36 Red Shoe Dianes (9478698). 11.00 Films: The

Gate (1987) (1994037). 1.00 Beverly Hills

Bordeto (1456099) 1.30 Italian Stripping Housewives (1974273), 2.00 Real Stones of

the Highway Patrol (398-1032). 2.30 Cops

(3903167). 3.00 Films Undefeatable (1993)

(9627612), 6.00 Monsters (4202934), 5.30

8.00 The Dicertan (9461308). 8.30 Top

First Flights (9484259), 9.30 Jurassica

Marques II: Aston Martin (9460679). 9.00

(7675582). 10.00 Shipwreck! (5406563). 11.00 The Diceman (6995682). 11.30 Top

6.00 Freaky Stones (4927051).

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

##. 9R.600 ***-8.00 The A-Team (8617227): 9.00 Real

8.00 He Said. She Said (1991) (3850650).

of Happiness (1970) (160148) 4.35 - 6.05

What Love Sees (1996) (1724964)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

(1950) (73077433), **5.50** Close

Farewell, My Lovely," (1945) (10489), 10.00 What Love Sees (1996) (46476), 12.00

Nothing but Trouble (1991) (752326).

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

ear Black (1979) (239696) 3.30 - 6.00

PICK OF THE DAY

tonight draws attention to the largely is now being found in people who no explanation as to how they weeks outside the human body and Mother Riley to Lily Savage. can lurk in your system undetected

influences of Edgar Allen Poe and Kubrick's 2001. (R) 10.15 An Obsession with Bach. A

selection of preludes and fugues

played by pianist Glenn Gould.

plus Ysaye's Violin Sonata No 2

surrounding the amazing triptych

painted by Hieronymus Bosch 500

years ago. Was his unique vision of

heaven and hell the work of an orthodox

first surrealist, or is this the product of

12.00 Proms Composer of the Week:

a sick mind? The work has inspired

modern artists, a ballet, a steamy

novel, numerous LP covers and

centuries of learned debate. (R)

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

9.45 Cod; a Biography of the Fish

11.30 Jazz Notes.

(924-94.6MHz FM)

9.00 Mothers and Sons.

That Changed the World.

1100 NEWS; Rural Lives.

1.00 The World at One.

1.30 X Marks the Spot.

2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

11.30 Punchines See Pick of

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

2.15 Afternoon Play: Something of

outstanding performance that captures the soft nuances of the

played superbly by Claire Trevor:

It's classic Chandler, classic film

noir. From the short and snappy

Marques II: Aston Martin (6996211), 12.00 First Flights (9464495), 12.30 Jurassica

(7686696). 1.00 Wildlife SOS (5420143).

1.30 Tooth and Claw (8004211). 2.30 Arthur C Clarke's Mystenous Universe

(1763259), 3.00 Shipwreck! (6907327),

4.00 The Diceman (1747211), 4.30 Top

Marques II. Aston Martin (1743495), 5.00 First Flights (5145476), 5.30 Jurassica

(1734747), 8.00 Wildlie SOS (1724360).

6.30 Tooth and Claw (3935495). 7.30

(9465124) **10.30** Wonders of Weather (9474872). **11.00** The Professionals

5407292) 12.00 First Flights (4939696). 12.30 Top Marques II: Aston Martin

(2771070), **1.00** Super Creeps: The Rat among Us (2261896), **2.00** Close.

8.00 Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly HSs (15018), 8.30 Street Sharks

(14389), 9.00 Garfield and Friends (38969).

(27853) 1LOO The New Adventures of Su-

perman (14940). 12.00 Married with Chi-dren (18105). 12.30 M*A*S*H (4349747).

(63777263), **100** Geraldo (3142940), **1.55** The Special K Collection (42559940), **3.00**

Sally Jessy Raphael (1164018), 2.55 The

9.30 The Simpsons (66230). 10.00 Games World (2402143). 10.15 Games

World (2492766), 10.30 Just Kidding

12.55 The Special K Collection

Mysterious Universe (1744)24) 8.00 Survivors (221728), 9.00 Survivors: Great Es-

capes (6962016). 9.30 Survivors: Survivors (7666634). 10.00 Wonders of Weather

Handel (R)

RADIO 4

the Day.

6.00 Today.

9.30 The Vale.

(Obsession) played by Frank Peter

Zimmermann. 10.45 The Garden of Earthly Delights.

A DISQUIETING documentary for decades - you could have scratched yourself on a nail 20 years unrecognised dangers of Hepatitis ago and never known you had C (9pm R4). Once stigmatised as a caught the disease. Effects include gay or junkie's disease, hepatitis C cirrhosis and cancer of the liver; there could be 500 million sufferers are at no obvious risk and have worldwide; and there is no effective treatment. In Punchlines (11.30am have become infected. That's not RA), Hugh Dennis tright investigates surprising in a virus that can live for the art of the drag queen, from Old ROBERT HANKS

3.30 A Childhood of Play. 3.45 The Cage. 4.00 NEWS; Four Walls. 4.30 Thinking Allowed. 5.00 PM 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest

3.00 NEWS; Gerdeners' Question Time.

7.00 NEWS; The Archers. Louisa Buck probes the many mysteries 7.15 Front Row. 7.45 Postcards: On the Rocks. By Helen Kluger. Sizzling Sydnee Sachell, fading American diva, steps out of Christian or of a heretic advocating salvation through sex? Was Bosch the Hollywood into Porthant Bay. Can the locals cope as firming begins? Or, more to the point, can they act? With Lorelei King and Tristan Sturrock. Director Pauline Harris (3/5). 8.00 NEWS; Straw Poll Justin Webb chairs a debate on the motion: "Total treedom of expression would be a dangerous nightmere." From the

British Board of Fam Classification in London. 8.45 Kurd's-Eye View. Four talks in which Kurdish journalist Hazhir Teimourian reflects on his 39 years of iving in Britain. 2: "Henry I and I": n which Hazhir suffers a nervous breakdown in his adoptive country and is advised by a Persian doctor to eat tresh fruit and move to Reading. 9.00 NEWS; Hepatitis C. A report on this disease which affects an estimated 500 million people but for which there

is no vaccine, no cure and little treat-ment - a disease that could threaten everyone's lives. See Pick of the Day. 9.30 Mothers and Sons, SX programmes in which Times columnist Matthew Parris and his mother, Terry Parris, interview other mothers and sons. 3: MP Barbara Foliett

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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(Irving Berlin, Gershwin, Saint-

actress, film and dance-direction

Special K Collection (8582914). 3.00 Jerny Jones (3128650). 3.55 The Special K Col-lection (831704). 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey

Show (54921), 5,000 Star Trek (1389), 8,00 The Namy (9650), 6.30 Married with Chi-dren (3230), 7.00 The Simpsons (2018).

(91312), 9.00 The Outer Limits (93308).

10.00 Caribbean Uncovered (96495). 1L00 Star Trek (74655), 12.00 Nash

SKY SPORTS 1

SKY SPORTS 2

Bridges (79780), 1.00 Long Play (4155070).

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7.00 Spirg Vester (5-124476): 735 World Wresting (405211): 8.35 Sky Sports Centre (569321): 8.30 Racing (Nows (7244): 9.00 Aerobics (63766): 9.30 The Pavilion End (4244): 10.30 Football (79796): 12.00 Aerobics (76230): 12.30 Inside Scottlish Foot-

ball (10327). 1.30 The Pavilion End (11056).

Tales from the Premiership Going Down, Going Down (435476), 10.30 Sky Sports Centre (439495), 10.45 Shooker (400582).

7.00 Aerobics (6559969), 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (4267037), 7.45 Racing News (3769027), 8.15 Fastrax (7956766), 8.45 Sports Centre (1378495), 9.00 Fish TV

(2970056), 9.30 Fish TV (1457766), 10.00 Seniors Golf (5227360), 11.00 LPGA Golf

(2852679). 1.00 Golf Extra (4540124). 4.00

2.30 Football (75475) 4.00 Wresting (69263), 5.00 Cricket (96857259), 1045

12.45 Sports Centre (3109631), 1.00 Cricket - AXA Life League (88525). 3.00 Sky Sports Centre (51305902). 3.25 Close.

PETER CONCHIE

Oscars back in 1936.

PICK OF THE DAY

THIS FAITHFUL adaptation of to the gloriously extravagant

the Chandler novel Farewell My with The Great Ziegfeld (11pm

Lovely (4pm Sky Movies TNT). Director Robert Leonard's

Screen 2) stars Dick Powell musical about the eponymous

wise-cracking private detective. A Saeosi and larger-than-life

labyrinthine plot twists and turns performances. William Powell

around Marlowe's assignment to and Luise Rainer top the bill of

trace an ex-con's ex-girlfriend, this epic, which won the best

and her son Adam. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Fame is the Spur. By Howard Spring, read by David Calder (3/10). 11.00 Trust Me, I'm a Poiceman. In

Robert Smith's six-part drama, John Woodvine is Detective Sergeant Matrix, who takes a work-experience youth on a stakeout and pesses the time with highly unreliable tales of police work, 4: "Goldfish". The surreal tale of robbery, disguise and an honest carp. With David Antrobus and Jan Winters 11.15 Stereonation. 11.30 The Mark Steel Revolution.

12.30 The Late Book: The Shipping News. (R) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

Radio 4 LW (198kHz 1 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 12.04 News; Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast.

RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 909kHz MW) 8.00 The Breakfast Programme. 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Nationwide. 7.00 News Extra. 7.30 Will Carling's World of Football. The former England rugby-union

Snocker (2182380), 6.00 Full Throttle (1737698), 6.30 Winning Post (2940747).

8.30 Golf Extra (8022211). 11.30 Europeen Tour Weekly (412765). 12.00 Full Throttle

(7899167), 12.30 Sports Centre (3157780). 12.43 World of Super League (5545457).

2.45 - 3.00 Sports Centre (86476896).

12.00 World Wresting (85412501), 1.00 Fish TV (51164853), 1.30 Fish TV

(85409037), **2.00** Superbouts (98469853), **3.00** The Entertainers (90499414), **3.30** V-

Max (20021018), 4.00 Baseball (90493230),

6.00 Sky Sports Centre (65418785). 7.00 Fight TV (90461495). 7.30 Fish TV Fishing Texas (20030766). 8.00 World of Super

League with Eddie and Stevo (39277940). 10.00 Olympic Series (3926777). 11.00 The Entertainers (54363056). 11.30 Close.

7.30 Footbal: Eurogoels (65292) 9.00 Superbike (22495) 11.01 Metocross

(1299), 11.30 Wester-Sking (13998), 12.00 Saling Magazine (76998), 12.30 Golf (85245), 1.30 Terris (88312), 2.00 Terris (26563), 3.30 Footbal Liverpool v Inter M-

lan (6352495). 4.45 Speedworld (582230). 5.45 Athletics (93644501). 8.45 Termis

(831018), 9.45 Cycling (#11698), 11.45 Speedworld (162056), 12.30 Close

bours (6098785), 7.55 EastEnders

The Bill (9453389), 9.30 Dangerfield

2,00 Crossroads (5423230), 7.30 Neigh-

(8104475), 8.30 The BE (9462037), 9.00

SKY SPORTS 3

EUROSPORT

UK GOLD

captain discusses the future of football with leading figures in the sport. Call free on 0500-909693. 9.00 Proops's Hoops, American comedian Greg Proops concludes his journey through the amazing history of basketball

9.30 A Tour Remembered, Later this month, England meet Sri Lanka in a Test Metch for only the sixth time. In the last programme of the series. Peter Bexter recalls the first Test encounter between the two countries - in Colombo in 1982.

10.00 Late Night Live, With Nick Robinson, including a late news briefing at 11.00; at 11.15. The Financial World Tonioht 1.00 Up Al Night

5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

CLASSIC FM (1000-1019MHz FM) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick, 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 11.00 Michael Mappin, 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kl-b; MW 1058Ml-b; FM) 7.00 Chris Evans, 10.00 Russ Williams. 100 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Robin Banks/FM only Ray Cokes from 645pm, 7.30 Ray Cokes, 10.60 Mark Forrest, 2.00 Peter Poulton. 5.00 - 7.00 Jeremy Clerk.

WORLD SERVICE (198kHz LW) 100 Newsdesk, 130 From Our Own Correspondent. 1.45 Britain Today. 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Omnibus 3.00 Newsday, 3.30 Meridian (Books). 4.00 World News, 4.05 World Business Report. 4.35 Sports Roundup. 4.30 - 7.00 The World Today.

TALK RADIO 6.30 Kirsty Young with Bill Overton. 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 11.00 Lorraine Kelly, 100 Anna Raeburn, 3.00 Tommy Boyd. 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Nick Abbot, 9.00 James Whate, 1.00 lan Colins. 5.00 - 6.30 Early Show with Bill Overton.

(8224037), 10,30 The Sullivane (9475501).

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Enders (1413105), 5,30 Home to Roost

Small (7663747), 7.00 2point4 Children

8.20 Canned Carrott (8649485), 8.00 One Foot in the Grave (4788785), 9.40

Common as Muck (61386766), 10.50

Carned Carrott (8807921). 11.30 The Bill (5880495), 12.00 The Bill (4931254), 12.30

The Comic Strip Presents... (3987728). 1.05

The Comic Strip Presents. Gino (1502709).

1,40 The Equatizer (42/534f), 2,30 Paul Menton - the Series (426968f5), 2,45 -

6.00 Thy Living (3623747). 9.00 Rolonda

(8440501). 9.50 Jerry Springer (2334327).

10.40 Young and the Restless (4269653).

11.30 Brookside (9613018), **12.00** Jimmy's (9189698), **12.35** Babies (79631105), **1.00**

(85989), 1.39 Ready, 51840), 1.30 Ready, 51840) Cook (6145921), 2.05 Rotonda (7072560), 2.55 Living It Upt (8556704), 3.55 Jerry

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(9422704), 630 Jerry Springer Uncut (3627634), 7,00 Resous 911 (6236563).

7.30 Mysteries, Magic and Mracles (2309/47), 8,00 Side Effects (3854476).

9.00 Films An American in Paris (1951) (39274853), 11.00 Films MGM Mileston

(392/4855), 11.00 Films want troub of the Great Ziegleid" (855). See Pick of the Day (1420/389), 2.00 Films: The Angel

Wore Red (1960) (92136490), 3.45 Films: The Mask of Fu Manchu* (1932) (78164235)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL

7.00 Sister Sister (1230), 7.30 Roseanne (4360), 8.00 Grace under Fire (7650).

8.30 Caroline in the City (6785). 8.00 Cy-bil (69209). 9.30 Ellen (97211). 10.00

Praster (75501), 10.30 Cheers (5521), 11.00 Duckman (9704), 11.30 Barry Weish is Coming (14476), 12.00 Late Night

with David Letterman (33902), 1.00 Frasie (90631), 1.30 Cheers (75051), 2.00 Caro-

line in the City (54631), 2,30 Barry Weish is Coming (40438), 3,00 Roseanne (57157), 3,30 Cyclil (24490), 4,00 Close,

9.00 Film: Inflammable (\$857563), 11.00 The Sex Zone (\$25389), 12.00 Close.

7.00 Shopping at Night (94828983).

(1736105), 6.00 All Creatures Great and

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS WILLIAM HARTSTON

British Championship in Torquay with a good win in the seventh round against Tony Miles. Nigel Short was held to a draw by the 16year-old Indian International Master Krishnan Sasikiran and now shares second place. Leading scores: Sadler 6; Short, Speelman and Rowson 51/2; Conquest, Thipsay. Ward, Hebden, Wells, Sasikiran and Arkell 5.

Sadler's win against Miles (who, incidentally, won the World Junior Championship in the year Sadler was born) was an excellent display of controlled positional chess. Playing White, Sadler nurtured a space advantage from the opening. then broke open the position to leave his pieces better placed to exploit weaknesses among his oppooent's pawns. Miles eventually wilted under the pressure and had to lose a piece for two pawns, after which Sadler polished off the game efficiently.

The following game from round three is one of the most exciting of the eveot so far, with chris Ward once again showing that his favourite Dragon Sicilian can still breath fire. Black's 17...Nxd5!

MATTHEW SADLER has taken the looks at first sight impossible, then, lead in the Smith & Williamson on closer inspection, possible but outrageous. How can Black allow White's bishop and queen to invade g7 and h6? After 20.Rd4, White only needed time to play Rh4 and Black would be unable to avoid mate. Unfortunately for him, he was never allowed the breathing space to do it. Black gave up a knight, then a rook, in order to get at White's king, which was finally unable to defend itself.

> White: David Tebb Black: Chris Ward

British Championship 1998 18 Bxg7 Nb6 1 e4 c5 19 Qh6 Nxa-1 2 Nf3 d6 20 Rd4 Nc3+ 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 21 Ka1 Qa5 22 bxc3 b3 5 Nc3 g6 23 cxb3 Qxc3+ 6 Be3 Bg7 24 Kb1 Rxb3+ 7 t3 0-0 25 axb3 Qxb3+ 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 0-0-0 Nxd4 26 Kc1 Rc8+ 27 Kd2 Rc2+ 10 Bxd4 Be6 28 Ke1 Qe6+ 11 Kh1 Oc7 29 Re4 Qa2 12 Bb5 a6 30 Kf1 Rf2+ 13 Ba4 b5 14 Bb3 b4

31 Ke1 Rxg2 32 Qc1 Qf2+ 15 Nd5 Bxd5 33 Kdi Qxf3+ 16 exd5 Rfb8 White resigned

17 Ba4 Nxd5

BRIDGE ALAN HIRON

SOUTH FOUND this deal full of problems, both in the bidding and in the play. It started simply enough: he opened One Heart and his partner raised to Two Hearts, hut now East intervened with Three Diamonds, leaving South little room to make any sort of try below the game level. He contemplated doubling (would this have heen for penalties?) in view of the vulnerability but, as you can see, this would not have been a success. Eventually he plumped for a direct jump to Four Hearts and all passed.

West led &3 against Four Hearts and South was pleased to see that his partner's values, such as they were, lay in the right places. East won and played a second diamond. A switch would have been better but it was just possible that his partner had led a singleton. Declarer ruffed and finessed + Jat trick three. East took his king and

belatedly tried his singleton club. Declarer won with his ace, crossed to A, and ruffed another diamond in hand. Then he cashed

East-West game; dealer South North ♠AJ9 ØJ 1063 0764 **+1083** East **4**65 **♦**K 1083 QQ85 2AKQ1085 0193 **4**Q9764 #2 South **♦**Q743 **♥AK74 Q**2 ♣AKJ5

was coming, there was little that he could do and he discarded a club. Now South ruffed his last spade on the table and triumphantly exited with the remaining trump to West's queen, discarding a club from hand. This left West on lead with #Q,9 and South was able to claim the rest.

How would you classify the v? Reverse dummy elimination. queen did not fall, followed with and throw in, I suppose. But very

◆ Q. Although West could see what neat, whatever you call it.

PUZZLE

-LEA--ATE-

-SAG-- R U T -

-PER-CAN YOU add letters et the start and end of each of the above words to form a new five-letter word in each case? Of course you can But can you do it in a way that the initial letters, in the order they occur, spell

ters can be arranged to spell out something of the same type as the initial letters? (Answer tomorrow) Yesterday's answer:

out another word, and the final let-

Sorry, that was too easy. You fill two cups from the fast tap while filling one from the slow. We meant to ask about taps that take 15 and 20 secoods, which is much more fun.

CONCISE CROSSWORD

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SCOTLAND As BBC1 London except: 6.00 News 6.30 - 2.00 Reporting Scotland; Weather

WALES As BBC1 London except: 6.30 - 7.00 Wales Today

ANGLIA
As Carlton except: 9.25 The Jerry
Soringer Show (8959940). 10.25 Justice
of the Land (5205747). 11.25 Blue
Heelers (8410056). 12.20 Anglia News
and Weather (9332834). 1.00 Dinosaurs
(83292). 1.30 Home and Away: Gypsy
feels neglected by Joel after he begins
to pay more attention to Will (87655).
2.00 Lunch in the Sun (6006747). 3.20
Anglia News and Weather (4759211). 5.30
"Shortland Street (1946327). 6.90 Home
and Away (995747). 6.25 Anglia News
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Anglia News (246747). 11.40 Englebert
King of Romance (906292). 12.40 Film:
Shaaling Home (235419). 3.35 Cybernet
(60309815). 4.00 Coach (21485525).
4.25 ITV Nightscreen (2354490). 5.00
Coronation Street (40254).

As Cartton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (9332634). 12.30 (TN News: Weather (37114). 1.00 A Country Practice: Georgie's matchmaking plans for her mother are dashed when she sees Dr Harry kissing Jess (63292). 3.20 Central News (479211). 1.30 Shortland Street (194327). 6.00 Home and Away (935747). 6.25 Central News and Weather (107211). 10.30 Central News, Weather and Travel Update (245747). 4.05 Jobinder (8107506). 5.20 Asian Eye (1963186).

As Carlton except: 12.20 HTV News (9332834), 1.00 Shortland Street (63292). 1.30 Home and Away (67655). 2.00 Lunch in the Sun; GMTV duo 2.00 Lunch in the Sun: GMTV cluo Anne Davies and Ross Keily host a Hestyle magazine from a luxury villa in Marbella (8006747). 3.20 HTV News (4759211). 5.10 Yan Can Cook - the Best of China (1946327). 6.00 Home and Away (995747). 6.25 Wales Torright (107211). 10.30 HTV News (246747). 11.40 Shoot to Thrill (906292). 12.40 Film: Stealing Home (23619). 3.35 Cybernet (60309815). 4.00 Coach (21485525). 4.25 [TV Nightscreen (2954490). 5.00 Coronalion St (40254). HTV WEST

As HTV Wales except: 5.10 Kidstuff
(1946327) 6.25 HTV West Weather
(536143) 6.30 The Wast Toright (476).
11.40 Songs from Somprest: The Yeovil
Town Band perform local songs in the
setting of Wells Cathedral (823758).
12.10 Jenny (9866751).

MERIDIAN
As Cariton except: 9.25 The Jerry
Springer Show (8959940). 10.25 Justice
of the Land (5205747). 11.25 Blue
Heelers: PJ is called upon to Justify
some of his actions during the inquest
into Razlene Darcy's death (8410058).
12.20 Meridian News end Weather
(933293). 1.00 Shortland Street
(63292). 1.30 Home and Away (87655).
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(638940). 6.00 Mendan Toright (120).
6.30 Cowm and Country (476). 10.20
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11.40 The Road Show (223768). 12.40 The Drew Carey Show (9886781). 12.40 Film: Stealing Home (235419). 3.35 Cybernet (60303815). 4.00 Coach (21485525). 4.25 ITV Nightsoreen (2954490). 5.00 Freescreen (40254).

WESTCOUNTRY
As Carition except: 10.30 Fim: Jonathan - the Boy Nobody Wanted (3192921), 12.15 Westcountry News (9646475), 1.00 Emmerdale: Tara has devastating news for Citris and Zoe. Pollard sinks to a new low in his war with Kathy. Roy breaks Emma's heart (63292), 3.20 Westcountry News (475927), 6.00 Westcountry Live (14853), 10.30 Westcountry News (246747), 11.40 Tropical Heart (906292), 12.40 Fim: Stealing Home (235499), 13.35 Cybernet (90309815), 4.00 Coach (21485525), 4.25 TIV Nightscreen (2954490), 5.00 Coronation Street (40254). WESTCOUNTRY

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News and Weather (9332834), 1.00
Home and Away (58670501), 1.25 Lunch
in the Sur (9639768), 2.10 Emmerdale
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flow (906292), 4.20 Jobfinder (9622148),

TYNE TRES
As Yorkshire except: 12.20 North
East News (334582), 12.25 Joblink
(9340853), 3.20 North East News and
Weather (3750211), 5.35 North East
Weather (325475), 6.00 North East
Torright (14853), 10.30 North East News
and Weather (245747).

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As Channel 4 except: 6.00
Sesame Street (98563). 12.30 Boy
Meets World (3796). 1.00 Stot Melthrin:
Ty Chwith a Smot y Cl (59678143). 1.23
Firm: The Black Knight (48998292). 3.00
Countdown (9143). 4.30 Estedditod
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(93105). 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (846327).
7.25 Eistedditod Genedlaethol Bro Ogwr
(188021). 9.50 Newyddion (856143).
10.05 Brookside: Jacqui is convinced
that her life is ruthed. Bruno tells Rachel
that she is more than a one-night stand
to him - but what does she feel?
(173560). 10.40 Ally McDeal (955650).
11.35 Armistead Mexpurs Tales of the
City (506292). 1.30 Lonely Planet
(8395693). 2.05 Close.

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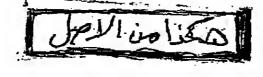
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Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword:

ACROSS: 5 State, 8 Assemble (Status symbol), 9 Seent, 10 Juneture, 11 Strip, 14 Gym. 16 Cinema, 17 Airily, 18 Soy, 20 Witty, 24 Orangery, 25 State, 26 Assassin, 27 Brend, 18 Gym. 1 Banjot, 2 Using, 3 Smith, 4 Clergy, 6 Tacitum, 7 Tangible, 12 Sinister, 13 Pentagon, 14 Gas, 15 May, 19 Parish, 21 Sneak, 22 Lease, 23 Vying.



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THOMAS SUTCLIFF TELEVISION REVIEW H

In it is us.
In It is us.
In virtually guarantee that it rere will be cases which will esist the blade, messily esist the blade, messily edge the dian edge to the edge to the

osition until some better escription can be arcived et or a consensual sexuel affairetween an older woman and e ambe child - an event so rere interested in society hasn't had to think of a proper name for it. And yet one hardly needs to ask what we would think of this case if the sexes were reversed - or if a film ubout a main teacher'a affair with a 13-year-id girl proved so induition to the feelings of the richer parly: "People are putting and down, necessing me of being until hecouse I allowed him to love me," and Letourneau at the beginning of Inside Story (BRCt, and inrigading documentary robout line case, and the film which followed never entirely overraied that plea to be treated as a victim rather than a villean. way to the edge's listence on either/or. The ry of Mary Kay Letonrneau, sacher jailed for the "rape" 13-year-ald boy, is an lous case in point. Why is word rape in

There were two broad lefence strategies – hisanly or niatuabon. According to the lest, pursued during the trial y Lefourneau's defence wyer, Mary Kily was suffering om bholar disurder, a

lng in her current jail nce. The infotnation se, fotlowed hy satisfaction above their predictable suffering is not easy to forgive; on ribilities of odulthood which will probably be far more dumaging thun ber effect on the boy himself, who is now hringing in their children, consulting lik media hwyer, and waiting for her release. Those wha support her might like to fullak that love conquers all, but they need to face up to the fact that love is often the first casualty of such romantic imperbilsun. The prison sentence might be a nonsense – it has mudeterrent or rehabilitative purpose at all – but the sense of social outrage surely isn't.

The credit sequence for Mulsie Raine (BBC1), in which the heroine walks towards the carmera with two ludging carrier mgs. looks hilariously reminiscent of The Drudge Squad, Jo Brand's spoof police sketches, in which two blousy old slappers in curiers were the detectives. This description will not do for Pauline Quicke, I hesten to edd, but even so, it is e bit diffectly to overcome the essocietion and the series itself doesn't help—lacking any connection to the real, nuconifortable world. The implication of fast night's episode – that the only problem with policing the bluck community is treb-own lack of co-oncartion—went beyoud the

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90 Gusinees Graskfast (43263) **7.00** Mays (T) (75937). **9.00** Kyrty (R) (S) (675921). **9.40** Viral How? (S) (T) (529821). **10.05** Easy Money (S) (142285). **10.30** The Rankin Challenge (S) (8721). **11.00** News; Regional Hews. Visather (T) (7857019). **11.05** Great Rakway Journeys (R) (S) (T) (844872). **11.55** Hows; Regional News; Westher (T) (2249582). **12.30** A Word in Your Enr (R) (S) (T) 6651. **12.30** A Word in Your Enr (R) (S) (1766). **1.00** News; Visather (T) (78124) **1.30** Regional News and Westher (4669950). **1.40** Neighbours (S) (T) (27054269). **2.05** Perry Mason (R) (S) (T) (9551898).

5 Children's BBC: Noddy (R) (8543430). 3. Pleydeye (R) (S) (3728501). 4.08 Popeye (F 4.10 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (R) (S) (T) 4.35 The Wild House (R) (S) (T) (3481679). Neweround (S) (T) (2431105). 5.10 Tha Biz (17384834). (R) (S) (T) (59894;) (3491679). **5.00** O The Biz (R) (S) (Э

6.35 Naighbours. The adult (T) (693478). Ø

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Torrorow's World. Peter Snow reports from Japan on the race to find a cheap and effective way of etrengthening buildings against earthquakes (S) (292).

8.00 Vets in Practice. Craig end Alleon leave Bristol having accepted new jobs with rival surgeries in King's Lynn. Alleon rescues an accident-prone cet (S) (4834).

6.45 Points of View (S) (T) (689786)

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DOCUMENTARY OF THE

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CRITICAL CONDITION (It pin C4) Jon Rousnu begins o fourpart link at the role of the crilic, and the subtext of this opener
about cornedy critics on the Edinburgh Fringe — is the almost
pathological loathing of performers for those who sit in nightly
jurigement over them. This is displayed when the Fringnerial
Times connectly writer, fan Shuttleworth rightly bravely/foolishly
riceites to cross the fortlights and try out his one-rum schtick
un Fringe andiences. Good notices from friends at The Times
and The Scotsman lead to Shuttleworth being short-listed for
the Perrice Award — and a painful, role-reversal night with
rlexing, in front of an audience made up langely of comerlians.

the little underslood phenumenon of neonaticide – the killing by nothers of their babies on the first day of life, Every year in the UK, at least 20 women commit neonaticide, although the netual figure may be far higher because inmy munage to hide their pregnancies from everyone evouad them. Clure Richerds film looks at how those affected are uften able to block out every napeet of their pregnancies, including the physical symptoms. "I just didn't want to bother anyone," says Kate, who, after 17 hours' labour alone in a rented

Cornedy western which will probably be beet remembered – If at ell – ee John Cendy's last film. The fat man playe a drunken wagon mester who is hired to lead e bunch of "quittera" – Wild West pioneara who have had enough and are heeding back east. In a reversel of the iisual routine, the Indians are only too bappy to give filem safe passage, while a railwey beron – nervous that they'll set e trend – tries to stop them (S)

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ard Stern 1991 US), beconses the Film of the Day.

24 (59484631). To 6.00am.

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7.00 to make ee Two teame are given £1,000 end much money as possible (8414).

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Looking Good. Whether weering the right clothes at work oan help gain promotion, and is it possible to get hair ealon-quelity results at home? (S) (T) (4211).

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Steptee end Son. An episode of Gelton and Simpson's classic reg-and-bone men altcom stande in for the dropped Cumbrien Teles sertee (R) (8495).

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Amongat Women. 4/4. The conclusion of this beautifully paced, altogether superfor adeptation of John McGeharn's novel set in rural Ireland during the 1950s. Shelle's wedding offers a leet chence for Luke (Brian O'Byrne) and Moren (Tony Doyla) to be reconciled (5)

With Gordon Brewer (T) (123747).

10.30

12.00 Trial by Jury. Concludes the fictitious trial as the real-life jury consider their verdict in the case of the prostitute-blackmailing police officer (S) (559308).

11.40

Midnight Caffar (906292).

OO Grace under Fire (S) (64781). 12.30 Open University: The Chemistry of Survival (42051). 1.00 The Chemistry of Power (88902). 1.30 The Chemistry of Life and Death (93322). 2.00 The Greats: Scientists and Inventors 4 (38631). 4.00 Suenos – World Spenish 13 - 16 (25525). 5.00 My Brilliant Cereer/20 Steps to Better Menagement (2128761). To 5.45am 12,40

BBC2

7.45 Sinurfs, Adventures (R) (5372211) 6.10 The Fame Game (S) (T) (2058037), 8.35 X-Men (R) (S) (T) (9472360) 9.05 Kenan and Kel (R) (S) (5662389) 9.35 Smart (R) (S) (T) (6279940), 10.00 Tam and Jerry Kids (1414230), 10.25 Secret Lite of Toys (R) (S) (8053292), 10.45 Teletobbes (R) (S) (567124), 11.15 Toonaics (S) (8692582), 11.50 The New Adventures of Superman (R) (S) (T) (1885691), 12.35 The Finistones (R) (4824360). (C: Open a Door (f) (8661921), 7.08 (8988360), 7.30 Bertha (F) (2232969)

The Beachgrove Garden (S) (76766). 1.30 People's Century (R) (S) (T) (1012582). 2.25 The Phil Silvers Show (R) (53707292). 2.50 News; Regionel News; Weather (T) (1690650). 2.55 Wildlife on Two (R) (S) (T) (9518259). 3.25 News; Regionel News; Weather (T) (4761056). 3.30 The Milite Lite (R) (414). 4.00 Australian Odyssey (7652058).

III. Jane's House (Glenn Jordan 1993 US). Anne Archer etruggiss to win over the teenegs children of her widower boyfriend (S) (83308834).

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Star Trek: The Next Generation. Geordi is infected by an alien perasite, which appears to heve killed hie former shipmetes (R) (S) (T) (959501).

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Sign Sign Frepactor Morse. "Who Killed Herry Field?" Harry Field is a "fun-loving drinker, arilst and rancontaur" given to making quipe in Latin, which makes him sound almost es big a bore as Morse himself. Fortunately, he's not on screen for very long, and most of thet time is spent as a corpse, as Freddle Jones enjoys himself es lihe father of the murdered man in this repeat mystery from 1991. Geraldine James and Ronald Pickup are further guest-stere (R) (S) (T) (5414).

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Das O'Connor Tonight. A later than usual start for the perma-tennad schmoozer, which won't perhaps best pleese William Hague's people, as the Conservative leader follows Tony Blair's footsteps onto that leather edia. Other guests are Robert Redtord, Brian Contey, the Corrs and Adam Garcia (S) (997259). Ç don Tonight (T) (248747).

TELLY Notorious (Colin Bucksey 1992 US). Dim remake of the Hitchcock thriller (235419).

2,30 Vane Soun • Summar in Gronte Country (82525), 3.00 esse (2769877), 3.36 Cybernet (80380780), 4.05 ndirax (34780902), 4.20 ITV Nightecreen (9622148), D News (92544) To 6am

SCIENCE SHOW

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3,25 Your Shout (9332834) 12.30 News; Weather (3714) 1.00 London Today (T) (63292) 1.30 Lunch in the Sun (S) (T) (7791308) 2.15 Home and Away (S) (T) (827495) 2.45 Supermerket Sweep (R) (826766) 3.15 ITN News Headlinee (T) (4769698) 3.20 London Today (4759211).

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Z wal Waether (T) (592308).

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Emmardale. Yorkshire folk. Ned wants answere from Kim (S) (T) (3582).

onetion Streat. Rita makee a terrible mistake, the street's Swampy-like eco-activist, Spider, has for Emily's house while she is eway (T) (360).

11.00 **Nillie Critical Condition.** Jon Ronson begins a four-part documentary about critics. See Documentary of the Day, below (S) (T) (5308).

slidren's ITY) Tote TV (R) (S) (4749834), **3.36** Jeys arid (R) (S) (8273358), **3.45** Slim Pig (R) (2673114), **90** Chatterhappy Ponies (S) (T) (3763124), **4.10** Iffield end Friends (R) (3763308), **4.20** Walter Melon (5913058), **4.45** The Scoop (S) (T) (3415268).

me and Away (S) (T) (1948327).

ndon Tonight. Regional news update for the sital and the South-East, including a local weather

London Bridge. Capital scep. Diene returns with some crucial news, leobel and Cliff set out to thwart Freddle (S) (476).

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10.00 Ally ktcBeal. Ally defende and befriende a young trenevestite prostitute. Cage pondere deting Ally (S) (T) (2563).

11.30 Edinburgh or Guet. New documentary series following various espiring comedians at this yeer's Edinburgh Fringe Festival (52698).

ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE: If Choisea reach tha Golderland tournement final:

7.30 Live Footbell. Cuverage of the pre-season tournament linel from the Netberlands (kick-off at 7.45/am) (74/36259).

11.20 Football The Galderlend Tournament - Final (8307679). 1.00 Major League Baseball (32821544), .

12.00 Weekly Planet (355214), 1.35 Teles from the Wastelend (8978490), 2.40 Athletics: British Grand Prix from Shellield (8485490), 4.10 Treckelde (2147205t), 4.35 Gamesmester (28559812). To 505am.

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MTV (7142394). 9.25 The Jerry Springer Show IS) (T) 104443).

[11] Jonathan - the Soy Nobody Wented (George Keczender 1992 US). Nobody, that is, except care worker JoBeih Williams, who looks after the eponymous Down's syndrome youngster (83588380).

6.30

7.50 Litpop. Pink Sly performe "Englaaand You've Chenged" (R) (T) (978388).

6.30 **Deels on Wheels.** A doctor from Newcastle eells his Flat Punto, and a couple put their trusty VW camper van on the merket (7) (6879).

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OG Sleck Box. More secrets from the indestructible in-flight recorders. This week we're on the ground with air-crash investigators as they try to find out why a Valujst went down in the Floride swamps in 1896. And there's elso a look at the 1985 Manchester airport disaster (R) (S) (T) (9476).

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OD The Sig Breekfast (S) (T) (68747). 9.00 The Bigger Breaklast (81037). 9.30 Saved by the Bell (R) (S) (T) (93360). 10.00 Bug Juice (T) (5846308). 10.40 Sister Sister (R) (S) (T) (4090188). 11.10 Wase Up (R) (T) (8896678). 11.45 Medison (8835196). 12.30 Mission: Impossible (T) (5050940). 1.35 Collectors' Lol (50135921).

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(S) (T) (8397259), 7.30 Millishake! (S) (5665259), 7.35 (S) (T) (8397259), 7.30 Millishake! (S) (5665259), 7.35 Dappledown Farm (R) (2090598), 8.00 Havakazoo (S) (B102679), 8.30 Atvin and the Chpmunks (R) (8194650), 9.00 Starting from Scratch (818230), 9.30 The Opreh Winfrey Show (9697230), 10.20 Sunset Beech (1957056), 11.10 Leza (6566679), 12.00 5 News at Noon (6105766), 12.30 Family Atleirs (3828650), 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (8388230), 1.30 Sons and Daughters (3827921).

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Lith Johnny Dossn't Live Here Any More (Jos May 1944 US). A sort of Second World War version of The Apertment, with Simone Simon staying in a marine's list and discovering that she's not the only one he's given keys to (98757037).

3,30 1967 US). The great hoofer, Gene Kelly – In his later 1967 US). The great hoofer, Gene Kelly – In his later guise as independent producer/director – helmed this datad and not very furnry comedy on how to cheat on your wife. Ah, but it's ell right, Walter Matihau's roving-minded executive decides that he lovee he wife too much to be unfaithful after all. Robert Moree and Jeckle Russell co-ster (T) (55765230).

Watercolour Chailenga (T) (582). 4.00 Fifteen to One – the 8lg Winners (S) (T) (389). 4.30 Countdown (S) (T) (3485018). 4.55 Ricki Lake (R) (S) (T) (2847834).

3.20

ETIM The Golden Gete Murdars (Walter Grauman 1979 US). When a priest falls to his death from Sen Francisco's Golden Gate Gridge, his nurse (Susannah York) joins forces with auspicious datective David Janssen to investigate (S) (82528292).

5.30 Pet Raecuera (S) (T) (853).

8.00 Party of Five. Beliey is unsure about Annie's stete after her return from rehab (S) (T) (935921).

9.00

100 Per Cent. The gameshow without a host (S) (6083281).

5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6042679).

6.50 Fresh Pop. Bands introduce their own videos (684650).

7.00 Chennel 4 News; Weether, including headlines at 7.30pm (5) (T) (786037).

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6 News, including First on Five. With Kirsty Young (5) (T) (3704834).

5.30 Family Affeirs. While setting into Maria's liet, Roy hears a strenge message on the answering machine from Jack (5) (7) (2388873).

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Empire of the Elephant. A look at a garden in the Kenyan bush, owned by naturalist Bob Campbell, into which werthogs, giraffes, leopards and antelope often stray (H) (S) (T) (8886637).

6.00 Srookside. Mersey suds. Jacqui is convinced that her lifa is ruined. Bruno tells Rachel that she is more than a one-hight atand to him – but what does she feel? (5312).

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ecent thriller starring Jack Scelia as a unlant who does time for a crime he did ly released – and toughened up ~ our r goes tooking for revenge (S) (15626292).

Allegedly quite decent thriller staming Jack Scelia as a Wall Streat accountant who does time for a crime he did

10.40 Compromising Situations. Erolica. In the seme hotel, a bride and groom from seperate weddings ore stranded in en elevator togethar (669)(05).

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missing pieces (11.45pm BBC1) Nans on the Run was probably lie high spot of the movio career of Erle tdle trighth - and that was n thin, derivative cornect. This Hollywood effort is a dog's diamer of a caper, with Idle playing the snekerl finance employee of a greetings-curd company who teams up with an anemployed cello player infer Idle is left a mysterious inheritance. We're supposed to be rooting fur these unrheredogs, but they re-really too tiresome for that level of empagement, and the conviction remains that Idle - one of the most talented of the Pythuns - is better served by a more intimately scaled arean than the movie serven. FILM OF THE DAY 9.50 Film: Pointman (9041t24). To tt.30pm.



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